

Expenses incurred by the National Committee members of the American Slav Congress at the Roosevelt Hotel Pittsburgh on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 14th, 15th and 16th.

These expenses were incurred entertaining and contacting the following persons:

Mr. & Mrs. Zlatko Balokovic, V.P. Amer. Slav Congress

Leo Krzycki, Pres. American Slav Congress

[redacted] Slovenian National Beneficial Society

[redacted] Amer. Slav. Cong.

[redacted] Amer. Slav Congress

[redacted] Amer. Slav Congress

[redacted] Amer. Slav Congress

[redacted] American Slav Congress

And many other members of the National Committee -- names and information submitted to Pittsburgh office in Detailed report. Expenses included.

Room for 3 days at Roosevelt Hotel.	13.50
2 quarts and 1 pt of Whiskey.	12.78
Taxicab transportation to make time	3.50
Extra Luncheons in evenings - and Room Service for Soda, Ginger Ale including Hotel Service charges not elsewhere chg.	9.75
Saturday Noon Luncheon check entertaining Krzycki, Balokovic, [redacted] not otherwise charged.	6.50
Bar expenses incurred entertaining above persons and other members of national comm.	12.50
Telephone expenses not otherwise reimbursed	1.25

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 15, 1947

MEMO: SAC

Re:

SECURITY MATTER - C

[Redacted]

advised on February 25, 1947 that the members of the Lawrenceville Communist Club are as follows:

Chairman and President: Matt Cretic

[Redacted]

LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON
SA

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Pittsburgh, Pa.
February 26, 1947

MEMO FOR THE SAC:

RE:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On February 20, 1947 [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised the writer that a City Communist Party Council Meeting had been held on February 13, 1947 at [redacted]. Among those present were:

[redacted]
[redacted] JAMES H. DOLSEN, [redacted] ROY HUDSON, [redacted]
[redacted] MATHEW CVETIC, [redacted]

During the course of the meeting each of the above individuals reported on the activities in the various branches throughout the city and gave a resume of the club's present plans for the future. In the main, all of these reports were to the effect that the branches should be activated by the distribution of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S pamphlet on "Trade Union Unity" and the necessity for holding party activities at least once a month and non-party activities at least once a month.

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100-8313 [redacted]
100-273 (JAMES H. DOLSEN)
100-283 [redacted]
100-5686 (ROY HUDSON)
100-1080 [redacted]
100-4753 [redacted]
100-294 [redacted]
67-2584 (MATHEW CVETIC)
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 4, 1947

MEMO, SAC

RE: 67-2584

SECURITY MATTER - C

Under date of January 27, 1947 [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported that a Communist Bureau meeting had been held at Portage, Pa. on said date.

In attendance at said meeting were:



MATT CVETIC, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MATT CVETIC delivered the principal address at said meeting during the course of which he castigated the Capitalistic system and praised the quality and security of citizens of the Soviet Union. CVETIC also mentioned that a Yugoslav (American Slav) Congress was to be held in Pittsburgh on February 25, 1947, and that it was desired that all foreign clubs, labor and fraternal organizations send delegates to the Congress.

CVETIC distributed some 500 pamphlets entitled, "A Message to America's Coal Miners," from WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. Informant furnished this office with six of the above mentioned pamphlets, one of which was attached to the report of [redacted] and placed in informant's file [redacted].

After above meeting concluded, CVETIC accompanied informant to Johnstown where contact was had with [redacted] who uses the Party name of [redacted]. [redacted] advised CVETIC that the Slav Club in Johnstown was very inactive. [redacted] then delivered a personal tirade against Capitalism and the Roman Catholic Church.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Pittsburgh

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National Defense
Informant, C-113
(Your File 67-2584)

DATE: March 14, 1947

Reference is made to your letter dated March 1, 1947, in which you furnished information indicating that this informant had disclosed his identity to not only his girl friend, but also admitted that three other unauthorized persons knew of his service to the Bureau. Cvetic stated that about five years ago he advised his oldest brother and his girl friend of his work with the Bureau and his girl friend, in turn, told her mother and father. The informant has requested that in order to clear himself with the aforementioned persons that they be contacted and his connection with the Bureau confirmed.

In view of the fact that this informant has disclosed the confidential relationship existing between him and the Bureau, his services are no longer desired. You should so advise Cvetic as soon as possible and he will no longer be considered as a confidential informant.

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PITTSBURGH, PA.
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Director, FBI ~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

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MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT C-113
Bureau File No. 66-2542

Reference is made to your letter dated March 14, 1947 in regard to the discontinuance of the services of the above captioned informant and to my telephone conversation with [] in this matter.

The above captioned informant is associated with the following organizations in the capacity listed:

Executive Secretary, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief
Chairman, National Slovenian Section, Communist Party, USA.
Member of National Committee, American Slav Congress.
Executive Secretary, American Slav Congress of Western Pa.
Member, Slovenian American National Council.
Executive Chairman, Lawrenceville Communist Club, District #5,
Communist Party
Member of Finance Committee of District #5, Communist Party
Member of Organizational, Educational Committee, District #5,
Communist Party
President, American Slovenian Civic League of Western Pa.
Member of Language Commission, District #5, Communist Party

CVETIC is extremely valuable to the Bureau and the Pittsburgh Office because of his connection with and knowledge of the various language groups listed above. He enjoys the confidence of national and local functionaries in these organizations. When any of the national figures visit Pittsburgh, the informant is one of the first persons contacted. On most occasions the informant makes the entire arrangements for their visits. He is the intermediary between these individuals and ROY HUDSON, Chairman of District No. 5, Communist Party. It would be impossible to replace this informant in the foreign language field in this area. In the event his services were discontinued, this action would necessitate continuous surveillances on the part of the Pittsburgh Office to ascertain the contacts and reasons for visits of national functionaries in the foreign language field. The informant can advise not only of the purpose of the visits but also can inform as to their indirect contacts with leading Communist functionaries in this district. In the majority of cases, surveillances by agents would not be nearly as productive as inquiries made of the informant.

CVETIC is a confidant of ROY HUDSON, Chairman, District No. 5, Communist Party, and obtains valuable information concerning the Communist activities in this area. He submits written reports daily covering the activities of various language groups and the Communists in Pittsburgh. All prosecutive summary reports being submitted by the Pittsburgh Office include this informant as a witness for pertinent evidence.

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In view of the above, the action requested in Bureau letter of March 14, 1947 is being held in abeyance as it is thought that the Bureau may desire to reconsider the situation, insofar as it concerns this informant, who because of the peculiarity of his connection with the Communist Party and its participation in the language groups movement, makes him irreplaceable. It is requested that the Bureau advise this office of its desires in this matter.

LET:KRW
67-3302

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 18, 1947

MEMO, SAC

Re: Confidential Informant C-113

Attached are reports and exhibits of the above captioned informant. It is suggested that they be placed in his file.

Lawrence E. Thompson, SA

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ACTIVITIES -- 1947

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Possible Sources of Income:

1. Duos	\$2,000
2. Picnic	4,500
3. District Affairs and Mass Meetings	1,500
4. Fund Drive & Sustaining Fund from Clubs	6,000
5. Day's Pay Campaign	3,500
6. Donations from non-Party Individuals	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	\$19,000

Proposed Expenses:

1. Wages	\$12,220
2. Subsidy for Negro Work	780
3. Mass Activities	4,000
4. Daily Worker Fund Drive	2,000
5. Rent	900
6. Telephone & Telegraph	600
7. Postage & Office Supplies	600
8. Meeting Halls	150
9. Taxes	350
10. Car Maintenance	500
11. Traveling Expenses	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$23,100

Proposed Expenses	\$23,100
Less Possible Income	<u>19,000</u>
Balance to be Raised	\$4,100

Dear Matt: -
I know you don't need
a reminder. Just want to
make sure you have the letter.
Roy.

426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

March 13, 1947

Dear Comrade:

Are you one of those comrades who are in a position to help solve a particular problem that the Party is now confronted with? That problem is this. At the present time the Party is in the process of finalizing its budget and financial plans for 1947. Soon you will get copies of the material being sent to the clubs which will outline the general problems and how we are organizing to solve them.

Last year our plan began to operate the first of the year. For a number of reasons we were delayed this year. We have already lost two or three months -- and it will be another two months before the present plans begin to produce serious results. As a result of this curtailed income we are already hampered -- and if that continues in the next two months we will have serious difficulties.

The particular and immediate problem arises out of the fact that we cannot now consider appealing to the clubs for an immediate drive. If we were to do that it would take several weeks to get the drive under way and by that time we are scheduled to launch the yearly Worker Day's Pay Campaign. A month or two after this we will be preparing for a District wide picnic. Thus if we were to try and make a general appeal to the clubs at this time it would really endanger these two projects from which the major source of our income is derived.

As you know most of our income comes from the clubs which also contribute certain amounts to the District Treasury in the form of a sustaining fund. Last year nearly all clubs met their yearly quota. They are late in getting their plans into effect this year -- and not too much can be expected from this source for another month or two. In the light of these facts you can easily understand why a direct appeal to the clubs at this time does not provide an answer to the immediate problem, but on the contrary could jeopardize the general plans. But this still leaves us with the problem of getting through the next few months as well as meeting some debts incurred in the recent period.

The collection at the Winston meeting will only partially meet this problem. No matter how we figure it is clear that an additional thousand dollars, at least, must be raised in the next few weeks if the Party is to function on a regular basis and intensify its campaign against the anti-labor legislation, for a State FEPC, and in relation to the coming struggles in mining, steel and electrical.

How to raise this amount without a general Party campaign? In the last 6 months there have been no general appeals for funds. We feel there are a large number of sympathizers who were not approached to make contributions during this period -- and if a special appeal were made to them on the basis of our present problem they would make substantial donations. We also feel that there are at least 20 or 30 comrades who know such contacts and are in the best position to reach them. Finding a number of people who can raise an average of \$50 per person during the next 6 weeks seems to be the key to finding the solution to this problem. The average comrade could not undertake this task, but we feel sure that at least 20 people are in a position to do so.

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I know there are some such people. For instance, Comrade Matt Svetic and four other comrades have already pledged to raise such a sum. The question is, are there at least 15 others?

Do you think that you could assume the responsibility of raising at least \$50 from the friends and sympathizers that you know? I can assure you that you will be doing a real service to the Party if you can do so.

I will get in touch with you shortly to hear what your answer is -- unless I hear from you first. From previous experience I know that you will not consider this letter and appeal an imposition -- but will be only too glad to help if you are in a position to do so.

Comradely,

Roy Hudson

Re: District Finances - Communist Party --

3/15/47

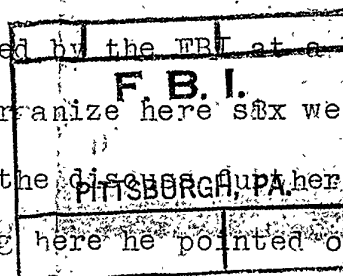
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The enclosed letter is self-explanatory - the "Dear Matt" must be Matt Cvetic as he is mentioned in the letter and this letter was found in the office where he is employed.

Re: [redacted] Tour, Springdale Meeting 12/10/46 [redacted]

[redacted] who is touring Western Pennsylvania for the National Committee of the Communist Party made his first stop in Springdale where he had a meeting in the house of [redacted] who is the leader of the IWO in this District. He was accompanied to Springdale by [redacted] who now resides in Export, Pa. and Matt Cvetic who is the Secy. of the Amer. Slav Congress and is active in Party work. The meeting was attended by [redacted] [redacted] of the Communist Party in Springdale and an Italian Comrade who lives in Harmarville. Altogether there are 9 or ten members in this district. This branch has been meeting with the New Kensington Branch but an effort is now being made to organize a separate unit here.

[redacted] ~~said~~ said the National office sent him out into the field for two reasons. FIRST FOR THE PURPOSE OF ~~REACTIVATING~~ ~~AND~~ REVITALIZING MANY OF THE BRANCHES AND BRING THEM CLOSER TO THE WORKERS. SECOND FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE SALE OF THE SUNDAY WORKER AND THE DAILY WORKER. He said he came out of retirement for this purpose in answer to the party's request. He had been on a farm at Walkhill? N.Y. where he said there are three comrades who go to Kingston, N.Y. 28 miles a way for their meetings. He said he has been in the movement 25 years - prior to that time he said he was in the contracting business. Mentioned about a tour he made in Southern Illinois in 1941 and at a town near Herrick or Herring he was detained by the Sheriff and also quizzed by the FBI at a U.S. Army Depot. Of ten meetings he said he organize here six were broken up by [redacted] stooges. Going on the [redacted] here the work of the party and his purpose for being here he pointed out that



the whole progressive movement is in for some serious struggles and the party is being revitalized to meet the challenge of the reactionaries who are out to destroy the labor movement. He GAVE AS THE REASON FOR [] CALLING OF THE COAL STRIKE: ~~XXXXX~~ WHEN MURRAY CALLED FOR GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE STRIKE [] BECAME AFRAID THAT IF THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE MINERS STRIKE THAT MURRAY ~~XXXXXXX~~ AND THE CIO WOULD COME OUT STRONGER. AS A RESULT HE FELT IT WAS BETTER TO CALL OFF THE STRIKE. A CLEAR INDICATION THAT [] IS WORKING WITH THE REPUBLICAN REACTIONARIES AND CAPITALIST CLASSES AND IS NOT WORKING FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE MINERS. b6 b7C

He especially called attention to the efforts which will be put forth by Congress in 1947 to destroy the labor movement and also the national committee feels that the new Congress definitely will take a strong stand against us Communists. the national committee also feels that there will be a serious depression in 1947 and for the struggles that will take place around this we need a stronger party than ever before. He called attention to the progress of Communism in France, Italy, Yugoslavia and other countries and ended out by who can tell when the struggle will take such a turn in this country. Some of us who didn't hope to live to see Communism spread this far may live to see it ~~xxx~~ make progress right here. He also pointed out that Even the Soviet Union still doesn't have absolute Communism but is working toward that goal - he referred to what they have ~~there~~ now a limited form of Socialism.

He admits to being 69 years of age is bald and has a crippled left hand. is fairly heavy set - short-statured.

After the concluding remarks the comrades decided to call a meeting for Sunday December 22nd and invite more people to this meeting

It was also proposed that [] get some of the youth, male and female together and organize a study group where perhaps Matt or someone else could come up and lead it. [] is not a party member - she is [] yrs old - works in a law office - phone number Court 5720. b6 b7C

Noted that the miners are not too enthusiastic about getting out in the open as Communists and even though there are many who would be party members - fear of retribution keeps down membership and attendance at meetings. However the foreign element is very progressive in this locality.

The meetings of the IWO in this vicinity are held in [] [] basement.

This concluding the business - meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM. [] said that before they came over to Springdale they stopped and had a talk with [] in Oakmont, Pa. and his son and son-in-law. b6 b7C

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A SPECIAL REPORT **

[REDACTED] 3/7/47

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At a regular meeting of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party held at the office of the IWO 7th Floor Columbia Bldg on Friday afternoon March 7th, 1947 at 4:00 P.M. the following participated:

Roy Hudson, Dist Chairman Communist Party

Matt Cvetic, Exec. Secy. Slav Congress

[REDACTED] Ukrainian IWO

[REDACTED] Serbian IWO

[REDACTED] Slovak IWO

[REDACTED] Serb. Progress Press, SlobRec.

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Arthur Bartl, Croatian Progress Press - Nar.Glas.

[REDACTED] "

[REDACTED] GREEK*AMERICAN TRIBUNE -

The regular business of this meeting was outlined in a regular report -- Before [REDACTED] started to speak Art Bartl left the meeting and so did [REDACTED] who was ill.--

[REDACTED] came into the meeting at approximately 5:30 PM

Roy Hudson previously having announced that [REDACTED] would be here about 5:30 P.M. and that time should be given him on the agenda. [REDACTED] turned out to be [REDACTED] and he spoke

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at approximately 6:05 P.M. The following are quotes from

[REDACTED] remarks (CAPITALIZED ARE EXTRAORDINARY REMARKS

WHICH ARE VERBATIM) Quoting [REDACTED] "The Immigration Bureau is taking steps to deport me on the grounds that I am

a member of the Communist Party and that as a member of the Communist party I advocate the overthrow of this government by force and violence. The case against me dates back to 1930 and ~~xxx~~ the reason the government gives as not deporting me sooner was that they could not find me ~~xxx~~ despite the fact that for the past thirteen years I have been on the editorial staff of the Greek-American Tribune in my own name. The impression we were under originally that mine was to be the only case brought up at this time and action on some other 150 similar cases would ~~depend~~ depend on the outcome of this case - so the fate of ~~other~~ other foreign born Americans is at stake. This is not an isolated ~~xx~~ incident but a part of the whole fight against the anti-fascist forces in this country - the same forces who are trying to pass the anti-labor laws and so on. And ~~xx~~ don't think that this case is the same as the [] Case or [] In neither one of those cases ~~xxx~~ was membership in the Communist party proven but in my case I admitted that I was a member of the Communist Party and the charge against me is that as a member of the Communist Party I advocate the overthrow of the American Government by force and violence - so you understand why the issues involved in this case are not the same as in the [] [] issues and why they are not of importance to myself but to 150 other foreign born Americans as well, many of whom are Slavs and also to the anti-fascist movement in this country. "EVEN THOUGH I AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AT THE PRESENT TIME, I STILL BELIEVE IN THE SAME PRINCIPLES!! Our ~~xxxxxx~~ decision, and I mean the party (these are [] words)

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was that we should organize a fight around the best case we had and it was felt that mine was the best and to carry it up to the Supreme Court if necessary. However since that time [redacted] decided to bring up the other 150 cases and is trying to rush them all through at the same time. You'll find that you will have at least 10 people from your district involved in the proceedings. (CLOSE [redacted] QUOTES)

In discussion [redacted] said and quote "I met with [redacted] and we discussed the whole thing. We decided to hold about 10 or 12 meetings of protest - These meetings would be organized by the Ukrainian Workers Soc (UWO).

No other concrete activity was decided on. Roy Hudson stressed the importance of the language press playing this up and for the present in answer to a question from Matt it was felt that the Slavic Congress should not take a leading role but rather participate in any activity organized by the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born.

[redacted] suggested that a Citizens Committee be organized to carry on the fight. On money he said at present none is needed and that material can be had by writing the Committee Office.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

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citizens of their protection under the Constitution. The Department of Justice contends that it can deport non-citizens for their political opinions despite the provisions of the Bill of Rights and despite the clear ruling of the United States Supreme Court.

The American people must oppose this political coercion. We must oppose any attempt to undermine the democratic heritage, forged by Thomas Jefferson in his fight against the Alien and Sedition Laws of 1798, that non-citizens have the full and equal protection of the Bill of Rights.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born intends to make a principle of this issue and to fight to the end the use of the Immigration and Naturalization Service by the Department of Justice as a political weapon against legally-resident non-citizens in this country.

We maintain with United States Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy that, "The Bill of Rights belongs to them as well as to all citizens," and that "The strength of this nation is weakened more by those who suppress the freedom of others than by those who are allowed freely to think and act as their conscience dictates."

The case of Peter Harisiades will determine the status of the democratic rights of all of the people in this country. We appeal for the support of every American who believes in the democratic principles on which this nation was founded to join in the fight to prevent the deportation of, and to win citizenship for, Peter Harisiades.

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born
23 West 26th Street, New York 10, N. Y.

I wish to enroll in support of your fight to prevent the deportation of, and win citizenship for, Peter Harisiades.

Enclosed find \$_____ for additional copies of your folder on the Harisiades case. (100 for \$3.00; 200 for \$5.00; 500 for \$12.00; 1,000 for \$20.00).

Enclosed find \$_____ as a contribution to help make possible an effective nationwide campaign in the Harisiades case.

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zone, State _____



YOU CAN HELP

1. Write to Hon. Ugo Carusi, United States Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Philadelphia 2, Pa., protesting the attempted deportation of Peter Harisiades because of his political opinions.
2. Enroll in the fight to prevent the deportation of, and win citizenship for, Peter Harisiades. (Use the coupon provided in this folder.)
3. Get your organization—labor, foreign born, fraternal, church, civic—to go on record in support of this fight to protect the democratic rights of the American people.
4. Order a quantity of this folder for distribution among your friends and members of your organization. (100 for \$3.00; 200 for \$5.00; 500 for \$12.00; 1,000 for \$20.00).
5. Contribute—and get your friends and neighbors and any organization to which you may belong to contribute—to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to help make possible an effective nationwide campaign in the Harisiades case.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

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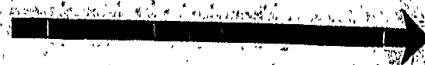
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at the Winston Meeting

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The Supreme Court
says YES
Justice Department
says NO

The issues in the case of
PETER HARISIADES



PETER HARISIADES ... AMERICAN BY CHOICE

Peter Harisiades has lived his entire mature life in the United States.

He knows no country other than the United States, the country of his choice.

Born in the Island of Samos, Greece, on January 6, 1903, he came to the United States with his father in 1916. His ideas and his feelings have been developed exclusively from his life and work among the people of the United States.

In 1916, at the age of 13, Peter Harisiades went to work as a water boy on the Illinois Central Railroad. After that he worked in a machine shop for the Illinois Central; then in a foundry in Beloit, Wisconsin; later in a rubber factory at Akron, Ohio; and in steel mills in Canton, Ohio, and New Castle, Pennsylvania. In 1925, working in Boston, he joined the Communist Party. In 1928, he went to work as a loom fixer's helper in a New Bedford, Massachusetts, textile mill and joined the Textile Workers Union.

When the textile workers went out on strike against low wages and long hours, Peter Harisiades served on the picket line. In an attempt to destroy the Union and break the strike, the employers instigated arrests and deportation proceedings against the workers, most of whom were of foreign birth. Peter Harisiades was arrested several times, but the charges against him were dismissed. At the same time, deportation proceedings against Mr. Harisiades were initiated in 1930 on the ground of his political opinions.

From 1931 to 1933, Mr. Harisiades was an organizer for the Communist Party and, in 1933, became Secretary of the Greek Bureau of the Communist Party. Mr. Harisiades states that he has never changed his social or political views and that he ceased membership in 1939 only because the Communist Party dropped non-citizens from its rolls.

Mr. Harisiades took out his first citizenship papers at Canton, Ohio, in 1922. This application lapsed because he had to keep moving from city to city in order to find work. When he finally was in a position to apply for second papers, he became involved in the textile strike. Because of the police terror and the discrimination against the striking textile workers, Mr. Harisiades hesitated to pursue his application for citizenship, and it lapsed.



Peter Harisiades is married to an American citizen and is the father of two American-born children: Irene, 7 years old; George, 2 years old. He is a highly respected member of the editorial staff of "The Greek-American Tribune," a progressive weekly newspaper. In 1944, he applied for second papers in Brooklyn, New York. Instead of considering his application for citizenship, the Department of Justice arrested Mr. Harisiades and started deportation proceedings against him. Hearings on the warrant of arrest were held on October 15, 1946, and January 30, 1947. Additional hearings are scheduled to be held shortly.

Peter Harisiades faces deportation to Greece on the ground that he is a former member of the Communist Party, which the Department of Justice alleges is an organization that advocates "the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States." At the deportation hearing, Mr. Harisiades stated that neither he nor the Communist Party advocates, and that neither he nor the Communist Party ever have advocated, the "overthrow by force and violence of the government of the United States."

PETER HARISIADES A TEST CASE

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is opposing the efforts of the Department of Justice to deport Peter Harisiades because of his political opinions and former membership in the Communist Party. We believe that Mr. Harisiades is not subject to deportation. We believe that he is entitled to become an American citizen after living and working in this country for the past 31 years, since he was 13 years old.

The Department of Justice, in pressing the deportation proceedings against Mr. Harisiades, is perverting the administration of the immigration and naturalization laws, using them as a political weapon to persecute legally-resident non-citizens in open violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution.

In the Harisiades case, we are concerned not only with the defense of an individual, or with a group of individuals. **The civil rights of the American people and our democratic institutions are at stake.** The rights of all persons in the United States—citizens and non-citizens—are endangered by this attack upon the constitutional rights of non-citizens.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born takes the position—which has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court—that all of the guarantees of the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution give protection equally to all residents of this country, non-citizens as well as citizens.

The United States Supreme Court, in the case of the attempted deportation of Harry Bridges, ruled "Freedom of speech and of press is accorded aliens residing in this country." Supporting the majority decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Bridges case, Mr. Justice Frank Murphy, in a concurring opinion, declared

"Once an alien lawfully enters and resides in this country he becomes invested with the rights guaranteed by the Constitution to all people within our borders. . . . Any other conclusion would make our constitutional safeguards transitory and discriminatory in nature. Thus the Government would be precluded from enjoining or imprisoning an alien for exercising his freedom of speech. But the Government at the same time would be free, from a constitutional standpoint, to deport him for exercising that very same freedom. . . . I cannot agree that the framers of the Constitution meant to make such a hollow mockery of human freedom."

The Department of Justice believes it can override the Bill of Rights of the Constitution and deprive non-

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ACTIVITIES -- 1947

Possible Sources of Income:

1. Dues	\$2,000
2. Pionio	4,500
3. District Affairs and Mass Meetings	1,500
4. Fund Drive & Sustaining Fund from Clubs	6,000
5. Day's Pay Campaign	3,500
6. Donations from non-Party Individuals	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	\$19,000

Proposed Expenses:

1. Wages	\$12,220
2. Subsidy for Negro Work	780
3. Mass Activities	4,000
4. Daily Worker Fund Drive	2,000
5. Rent	900
6. Telephone & Tolograph	600
7. Postage & Office Supplies	600
8. Meeting Halls	150
9. Taxes	350
10. Car Maintenance	500
11. Traveling Expenses	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$23,100

Proposed Expenses	\$23,100
Less Possible Income	<u>19,000</u>
Balance to be Raised	\$4,100

COMMUNIST PARTY OF WESTERN PENNA.
426 BAKEWELL BLDG.
PITTSBURGH 19, PA.

March 7, 1947

SUBJECT: 1947 BUDGET

Dear Comrades:

What is required to maintain our organization? What tasks should we plan to tackle during the coming year? What activities should we plan to undertake? Where should we concentrate our activities and how make the best use of our resources to get the most resources.

These are some of the questions involved in deciding on a budget. That is why the Party's budget is not just a question of how much money we shall raise and spend -- but is directly linked up with how we fulfill our responsibilities to our class and how strong a fight we can put up to bring about a solution to the problems of the people.

The District budget that is attached has as its first aim guaranteeing that the minimum we undertake will not be less than last year. We must fight to do more -- but we must not do less.

ESTIMATES

A few words of explanation about the items listed under the heading "Proposed future expenses". In 1946 we planned to spend \$19,670 on a district wide scale. We spent a total of \$20,437.53. If the same activities are to be continued in 1947 then the minimum we must plan to spend is \$23,100. This increase is due to the fact that a year's experience shows that our estimate for such items as office expenses, traveling, etc. was too low. Likewise, we must include in our budget our quota for the Daily Worker Drive. Otherwise, all other items, such as wages, mass propaganda, etc. are identical with those in the 1946 budget.

When the decision of the District Conference for a full time org secretary is put into effect it will mean that our budget will have to be increased. Therefore please bear in mind that this point is not included in the estimated expenditures for the coming year. This estimate only meets the problem of what is required if we continue to operate on the same basis as 1946.

In expressing a final opinion on HOW much should be spent -- and WHERE it should be spent, the branches are urged to keep two basic things in mind, namely,

(1) We should plan to do more - BUT GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL NOT DO LESS THAN 1946.

(2) The budget should continue to be based upon a concentration policy.

SOURCES OF INCOME

Now, as to where we are to get the money and how? In the past year \$12,074 was raised directly by the clubs. The rest of the income came from the other sources indicated. This income from the clubs came from three main sources - the picnic, sustaining fund, and Day's Pay for the Worker Drive.

In the light of this, the least that every club should plan on doing is to repeat what it did in 1946. Several clubs which fell behind the average are now in a position to keep up with the rest of the clubs. If they do this, and if all the other clubs do at least the same job as last year - then we should be able to plan \$14,000 from this source. Then the rest of the income will have to be raised from the sources indicated.

Therefore, in planning the income for the coming year - the minimum responsibility each club should undertake is to guarantee the total sum it raised in 1946. Before deciding this minimum each club however should examine as to whether or not it is in a position to accept greater responsibilities. A number of clubs are certainly in a position to do so.

HOW TO RAISE THE MONEY

Experience shows that there are three main ways whereby the clubs can raise their quotas. These are: the District-wide Picnic, the Day's Pay for the Worker campaign, and the sustaining fund which the clubs meet on a monthly basis. Therefore, we propose that we should organize our plans in connection with these projects.

Day's Pay For The Worker Campaign

In connection with the Day's Pay for the Worker Campaign, last year we undertook to raise \$750 from this source and actually raised \$2100 even though we started late and only reached several hundred people. Certainly with a better organized campaign in which we would reach at least 60 or 70 percent of the membership we should be able to raise a minimum of \$3500. We suggest that that should be our objective and that we should begin to plan for this campaign now because the Worker Drive will be launched in May.

District Picnic:

Last year the District picnic was a major success and the largest single source of our income. We propose that we plan to have another picnic this year in the middle of August. July would not be suitable because the National Convention of the Party takes place in the early part of July. We should plan to raise \$4500 from the picnic. This figure is a lower amount than was raised last year -- but it is our opinion that it is better to be on the safe side. **UNLESS SERIOUS OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR A PICNIC SITE SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO PLAN.**

Sustaining Fund:

The above two projects are District-wide affairs -- organized and planned on a District basis. Experience has shown that the full budget cannot be raised only through these projects. At the same time different clubs have various ways of raising money and also what may be a good time for fund raising activities for one club may not be so good for another club. Therefore in the past the Club Sustaining Fund was our other important source of income. This refers to the sum that each club pledges to raise in whatever manner is most effective and practical for each club. Last year the plan was to raise \$7500 from this source. This year the plan calls for \$6000 as a minimum. This amount can be raised without too great effort if each club that did a good job last year will assume at least the same responsibilities for the coming year -- and if a few clubs that lagged behind are able in 1947 to keep up with the rest of the Party.

CLUB BUDGET

There is one other question each club should consider. What finances does your club require to finance its special activities? It is just as important for your club to have a budget as it is for your District to do so. Therefore, the Branch plans should provide for establishing a club treasury as well as the club's obligation to the District.

WE ARE BEHIND SCHEDULE

One final point needs to be stressed in regards to our budget. We are already behind time. If we do not make up for this lost time quickly then it will be harder to realize our minimum budget. For instance, we started our discussions on last year's budget in December 1945, and began to work on it in January. During the first three months of 1946 a substantial amount of finances came in from many clubs. This year however, there has been a delay, for which the District is responsible, and we have lost several months. The consequence is that during the months of December only five clubs sent in anything on their sustaining funds. In January it dropped down to four and in February to three clubs. The only club that made a regular contribution each month during this period was the East Pittsburgh club, which has a monthly pledge of \$100 and has been meeting this pledge regularly for some months. We know that some clubs have been planning to make their first contribution for 1947 at the Winston meeting. While that will help ease the critical financial situation, it will not fully make up for the three months period in which there was a let-down. Therefore we strongly urge that immediate plans be worked out so that during the months of March and April each club will make a substantial donation toward its yearly sustaining fund quota. This will make it easier for the clubs because otherwise the year's quota would have to be raised during a period of eight or nine months. We urge that Section Committees and each Club Executive Committee discuss this letter at its next meeting and that its recommendations be reported to the club as soon as possible. We would like to hear from you as soon as this discussion has taken place as to what you have decided on the recommendations outlined in this letter: (1) on the budget generally, (2) the club sustaining fund, and what responsibilities your club accepts for 1947, (3) the Day's Pay for the Worker Campaign in May, and (4) a District picnic in August.

If there are any questions, please bring them to our attention.

Comradely yours,

Roy Hudson,
for the District Board

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MAIN SPEAKER OF THE EVENING

Distributed at Winston Meeting 3/9/47

Henry Winston came into the Communist movement (the Young Communist League) the same year that Hitler came to power in Germany. And he's been fighting everything Hitler and his followers stood for, ever since. First, here at home, in organizing hunger marches in the early '30s -- leading the successful Young Communist League fight for the freedom of [redacted] a Negro youth who had been framed on a rape charge. Winston's warm, friendly nature, his quick grasp of problems, his ability as a mass leader, speaker and organizer, brought him one difficult assignment after another. He organized for the Young Communist League in Brooklyn and Ohio, and in 1936 was made National Administrative Secretary of the Young Communist League and a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party.

In 1942, he went into the United States Army and fought Hitler on his home ground, spending 25 months in the European Theater. Back in New York in November 1945, ex-Sergeant Winston continued the fight against fascist ideas, against exploitation and discrimination, as Secretary of the Party's National Negro Commission. Since July 1946, he has been National Organization Secretary of the Party.

There will be a question period at the conclusion of Henry Winston's speech. If there are any questions you would like him to answer, kindly write them on this sheet of paper and give it to the usher. Please don't hesitate to ask as many questions as you desire.

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Distributed at Winston Meeting 3/12/47

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Dear Friend:

We welcome you to this public rally held by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. Your participation in this meeting indicates that you are deeply concerned with the serious problems that face our people. In common with millions of Americans, you are seeking fundamental answers to the difficult questions confronting America and the world.

We believe that you share this one common aspiration with us: that you want to fight to make America a land that will provide peace, security and happiness for its people. That fight can be successful only if the work- ingclass and common people of America unite to defeat the reactionary, fascist program of the giant monopolies and Wall Street trusts. The Communist Party, as the Party of Socialism, has dedicated itself to this struggle because it's one concern is for the welfare of our people and the future of our great nation.

It is for this reason that we urge you to seriously consider getting further acquainted with the Communist Party. We believe that such acquaintance will lead to a life-long friendship. For in the great family of American Communists there is the opportunity to learn, to develop warm, comradely friendship and to lead an active life with a purpose.

We also invite you to become a reader of our weekly publication, *The Worker*.

We hope you will take advantage of this invitation. You will never regret it.

Sincerely yours,

Roy Hudson, Chairman
Communist Party of Western Penna.

PLEASE HAND TO USHER

I want to know more about the Communist Party

I would like to receive a sample copy of the *Worker*

Name

Street

City or Town

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Tripto Pittsburgh -- this date --

The [redacted] came to Pittsburgh today to address a meeting arranged by the Foreign Policy Association at the Auditorium of the Schenley High School at 8:00 P.M. -- Preliminary Arrangements for the meeting were made during Zlatko Balokovic's stay at the Roosevelt Hotel in Pittsburgh on Friday February 14th by [redacted] who contacted [redacted] from the Foreign Policy Association and [redacted] from the same organization. This contact and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ subsequent arrangements were made in conjunction with [redacted] and Matt Cvetic from the American Slav Congress in Pittsburgh. Preliminary arrangements were worked out by [redacted] who released advanced publicity for the meeting -- and other material which was prepared and sent out by the American Slav Congress ~~was~~ sent out about 3000 cards and the AVC through [redacted] (????) also prepared one release on this affair.

Complete arrangements called for a Broadcast over KQV in the morning but this broadcast was cancelled by the station with a last minute excuse that the person in charge of the broadcast was out of town. Other arrangements called for a press interview at 11:00AM in the Ambassador's Suite -- a Broadcast over WJAS at 5:30 P.M. a dinner at the University Club at ~~6:15~~ 6:15 P.M. and the mass meeting or forum at 8:00 PM at Schenley High School -- The overall arrangements are in charge of the Foreign Policy Association.

The morning press interview was ~~not~~ attended by staff members of the Sun-Telegraph and Post Gazette (a [redacted] from PG) and a Cameramen from the P*G. Other visitors included [redacted]

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[redacted] (who is suspected of working for the House Un-American Activities Comm.), a person by the name of [redacted] (Spelling not certain - probably incorrect) from Johnstown, Pa. [redacted] from the Croatian Fraternal Union, [redacted] the Consul for the Yugoslav Government in Pittsburgh. -- Copies of the speech have been submitted to the press -- --

From overall conversation one gets the impression that [redacted] [redacted] is not a member of the Communist Party -- While visiting he does not engage in the same activities as persons from the Embassy such as [redacted] Krasovic and others. He acts more like what we would term here a "Front!" His usual political line in answer to whether Yugoslav has a Communist Government is that Yugoslav has a Democratic Government which includes all democratic parties and this he admits does include the Communists. He himself I believe is a member of the Serbian Democratic Party. In further justifying the part of the Communists in the Government he explains that they fought in the war and have a right to participate in ~~the government~~ having a say as to what kind of government Yugoslavia should have.

While here the ambassador is at the Wm. Penn Hotel, Suite 1482. Followup report will be submitted.

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The Foreign Policy Association had a dinner for the Ambassador at the University Club, located on University Place, Oakland, Pittsburgh at 6:30 P.M. Wed March 12th. the following attended:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FPA
[REDACTED] FPA
[REDACTED] FPA
[REDACTED] FPA
[REDACTED] FPA
[REDACTED] Amer. Slav Congress
[REDACTED] Allegheny County Court
Matthew Cvetic, Amer. Slav Congress
[REDACTED] Yugoslav Consul, Pittsburgh
[REDACTED] FPA.

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The evening meeting was held at the Schenley High School Auditorium and some 400 persons attended. The Ambassador read from his prepared speech and afterward there were questions from the audience. Most of them came from Stooges planted in the audience by [REDACTED] for the purpose of asking embarrassing question. There was some sporadic booing of the Ambassadors answers and scattered mutterings in the audience.

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The Ambassador left the meeting in company of [REDACTED] and Matt Cvetic who are from the Slav Congress

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 3-19-47

FROM : J. T. MOONEY, SA.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113
DATED 3-12-47

Pertinent information contained in the above report has been made
the subject of memoranda for appropriate files.

This report should be filed in 67-2584.

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SCHWELLENBACH'S STATEMENT ON OUTLAWING THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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Regarding above statement and attached release Roy Hudson ~~has~~
asked several persons to send statements and to get others to send
statements 'in ~~their~~ their own names' to their Congressman or U.S.
Senator ~~pro~~testing Schwellenbach's statement.

Please note content of attached release -tying in with above
request.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 20, 1947

MEMO, SAC

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

Attached hereto are reports of the above captioned informant dated 3/4/47. Along with the written reports, the informant furnished a printed letter emanating from the Community Action Council, 2414 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. which was a conference call church, fraternal, civic, social, political and trade union organizations to attend the first "Community Employment Conference" to be held at the Central Baptist Church on 3/21/47.

This conference call has been placed in file #100-3722 (FOREIGN INSPIRED AGITATION AMONG THE AMERICAN NEGROES).

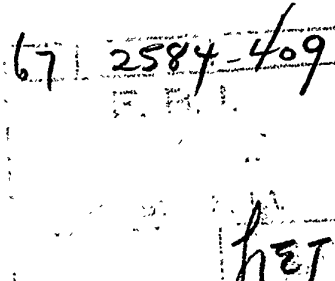
The informant also furnished a leaflet issued in the names of ROY HUDSON, Chairman of the CP for Western Pennsylvania, and PHIL BART, Chairman of the CP for Eastern Pennsylvania, which was an open letter to Governor DUFF, Harrisburg, Pa. attacking the KKK. This leaflet has been placed in file #100-2654.

Also attached is a mimeographed letter dated 3/3/47 addressed to all club executive committees which has attached a mimeographed memo on the functioning of the city council.

This memo is to be serialized into master file #67-2584. The informant reports and exhibits are not to be block-stamped.

LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON
SA

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Communist Party of Western Penna.
District Report ----

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Luncheon meeting between Roy Hudson & Matt Cvetic.

Observed the above two members of the Communist Party both well known to me having lunch together at Donahoes Cafeteria located on the second floor - corner Smithfield and Diamond Sts. on Tuesday March 4th at 12:30 P.M. -

From what I overheard Matt was proposing that we have some of our members try to raise up to \$50 for the district -- separate and aside from any other drive which is contemplated this year for the purpose of meeting the present emergency. -- Matt said he thought he could raise \$50 outside of the party and that he felt there were others like [redacted] and others who ~~xxxx~~ could do likewise -- Roy was enthused by the suggestion and ask Matt if he thought we could get as many as ten (10) comrades to do likewise -- Matt said he thought so and possibly 20 --

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Next Matt Cvetic told Roy that he would like to meet with him on the Slav Congress plan of work and Roy said that the Language Commission should be called together Thursday or Friday of this week for this purpose and also that prior to that he and Matt should get together and discuss plans for ~~xx~~ what should be discussed at the meeting.

Lawrenceville Communist Club: [redacted] 3/4/47
Regular Meeting - Lawrenceville Fraternal Center
4745 Butler St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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The following members attended the regular meeting of the
Communist Club of Lawrenceville --

Matt Cvetic, Chairman



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The Agenda included:

The Winston Meeting

Financial Program

Community Action Council

FEPC -

Announcement of Crucible Party by Eleanor.

Matt Cvetic gave a report on the Winston Meeting -- stress
the importance of getting people to the meeting.

On the financial program the Sustaining Fund was voted and
several of the members pledged monthly contributions which they
would raise. -- Amongst those [redacted] pledged \$5. a month

[redacted] \$5. a month, Matt Cvetic \$5.00 a month and [redacted]

[redacted] pledged to raise \$50 a year.

on the Community Action Council it was proposed by [redacted]

[redacted] that all organizations try to elect delegates to the

March 21st. conference scheduled by this organization.

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On FEPC [redacted] suggested that members write for material to
Philadelphia
the FEPC Committee in ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ for material.

[redacted] further announced that the Crucible Club was holding
a party (probably at the Ukrainian Club in S.S.) and the Lawrence-
ville Club was invited.

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426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

March 3, 1947

TO ALL CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Dear Comrades:

In accord with the decision passed at the last meeting of the City Council, the attached memorandum is being sent to each club Executive Committee for discussion. Based on those discussions, together with those being held in the District Board and District Organization Committee, the next meeting of the City Council will make its decisions on the recommendations contained in the memorandum.

The next meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, March 12th at 8 P.M. at the usual place. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Party Building Drive
2. Memorandum on City Council

If there are any questions your Club Executive may have regarding the above problems, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Comradely yours,

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MEMORANDUM ON THE
FUNCTIONING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

At the February meeting of the City Council, a report was made by a committee which had been elected at the January meeting to prepare a discussion on the functioning of the City Council and to bring in proposals for strengthening its work.

When this committee met it took into consideration the decisions adopted by the District Conference, that the city organization needs a leading committee. This leading committee will hereafter be referred to in this report as the City Executive Committee.

This report will not try to review the work of the city organization since its weaknesses were primarily the reflection of the weaknesses of the District Board. The evaluation document of the District Board, which each club has already received can be a guide for our evaluation of the city organization. This report will deal only with some of the major problems affecting the functioning of the City Council which must be quickly overcome. But no final action will be taken until there is a thorough discussion in the club executives, the council and the District Board.

When the report of the committee was presented at the February Council meeting it was decided that it should be sent out as the basis for discussions in the club executives and that at the March Council meeting this question would then be further discussed in order to come to a definite conclusion.

In considering the work of the Council, it will be helpful to note some of the positive and some of the negative factors of its functioning. Its major positive aspects were:

1. The council served as a center for the exchange of club experiences and activities in the City.
2. It served as a means of organizing fundamental political discussion, although it was very limited.
3. The Council was able to mobilize clubs for certain specific campaigns.

But the main weakness of the Council was that there was no link between the political leadership of the District Board and the City Council. This resulted in the Council functioning in such a way that --

- 1) There was little or no collective work and responsibility in the city organization. Comrade [] was assigned (among other assignments) from the Bureau to work with the Council, and although individual Comrades were consulted on various questions, this did not take the place of collective work.
- 2) Although important political campaigns were discussed in the Council the concrete steps were not made on how they could be developed in the City clubs.

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- 3) Even when specific proposals and plans of action were adopted, no responsibility for the systematic check-up on decisions of the Council were made to see that they were brought into the clubs.

In considering the establishment of a City Executive, the Committee took into account the fact that there would have to be the closest relationship between the District Board and such a City Executive. The primary reason for that is the situation that exists in our District is such that the leadership and work of the District Board is concentrated mainly in Allegheny County, of which the City is a main part. This means that the District Board will continue to give leadership to the City organization, but also that the City executive will have the responsibility to apply the policy and decisions of the Board to the work of the City organization. Therefore, the Committee reached the following specific proposals on what a City executive should be:

- 1) The City Executive should organize the decisions of the Board and plan the work on a specific program for the City clubs.
- 2) It should be responsible for a systematic check-up on the decisions made by both the District Board and the City Council.
- 3) It should be responsible for the political mobilization of the City clubs and membership for campaigns in cooperation with the City Council.
- 4) It should work towards the perspective of setting up an independent City organization.
- 5) This Executive should be the responsible body to which the clubs can present their problems.

The next question that arose was -- what should be the composition of the City Executive body? The opinion was that the City Executive should be composed of Comrades who are responsible for the main political tasks and concentration in the City. Therefore, some of the proposals are the following: (1) City Secretary, (2) Comrades responsible for Concentration, (3) City Membership Secretary (4) City Educational Director, and that a Committee of 6 or 7 members would be required.

During the past year the clubs were represented on the City Council by each club electing several delegates. The original delegates of some clubs did not attend, so other delegates were sent in their place. The shop club delegates rarely came to the Council. This lack of continuity and the absence of shop and industrial club representation greatly hindered the work of the Council.

The character and the functioning of the City Council would be changed if the clubs were represented by the Comrades who are the club leaders -- the club president and one other comrade, who, next to the president, carries the greatest political responsibility in the club. The Council would by this representation, give direct political and organizational leadership to the club officers, who would have the responsibility to take the Council decisions to their Club Executives, and to bring the collective experiences of the clubs to the Council. This committee therefore recommends that the Council be organized on the basis of including all Club Presidents and one or two other Comrades, to be elected by the Club Executive.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: March 31, 1947

FROM : Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTIONSUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT C-113

Reference is made to your letter dated March 17, 1947, indicating the value of this informant to your coverage of Communist and Slavic matters. The Bureau's letter of March 14, 1947, stated that the informant's services were no longer desired since he had disclosed the confidential relationship existing between him and the Bureau.

It is apparent that the discontinuance of this informant will result in a serious loss to your coverage of the aforementioned activities, and based upon your personal recommendation, he may be retained on a trial basis for a period of three months. Cvetic should be told in no uncertain terms that the Bureau will not countenance the disclosure of his relationship to anyone, and he is to advise you whether he has disclosed that he is an informant to anyone else other than the four persons mentioned in your letter of March 1, 1947.

No approach is to be made to the four individuals who have been apprised of Cvetic's activities as stated in your letter of March 1, 1947, but you should obtain their names from him and search your files to ascertain whether any derogatory information is available. If any information is revealed which you feel would jeopardize the informant, the Bureau should be advised.

The continuance of Cvetic on this trial basis is contingent upon your being assured by him that he will keep in close contact with your office and not divulge his relationship to anyone. He may be retained at the same salary as in the past, and two weeks prior to the expiration of the trial period, you are to personally review his productivity, attitude and reliability and submit a summary thereof to the Bureau. Consideration will then be given as to whether Cvetic should be continued from that time.

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Meeting between Roy Hudson and Matt Cvetic
to discuss Roosevelt Memorial Meeting
~~xxxx~~ scheduled for April 18th

[redacted] 4/5/47

Roy and Matt had lunch in Tambellini's Restaurant located on
Fourth Avenue near Grant St. on Saturday Afternoon, ~~at~~ April 5th
around 2:35 P.M. Sitting in the next booth I heard the following
conversation.

Roy asked Matt how plans were going for the meeting and what was
being done to insure the success of the meeting. Matt reported to
Roy that over 600 notices went on to the mailing list of the Slav
Congress; that the Language Press is carrying releases; that the
IWO will make a special mailing of a circular that is being printed
by Frediani advertising the meeting and that he also asked three
churches one in Lawrenceville; one in S.S. and one in Rankin to announce
the meeting in Church. Matt stressed the importance of getting a
good turnout and said they are asking each member of the Congress to
invite at least ten people to the meeting.

Roy suggested to Matt that [redacted] be invited to the
meeting and also proposed that [redacted] from the A UAW be invited
to speak -- he also proposed that Matt get in touch with [redacted]
and ask him to get UE to indorse the meeting. Otherwise Roy suggested
that Matt should come to the City Council meeting on Wednesday night
in person and speak to the Council about the meeting and also to have
pamphlets with him so they can distribute them. Matt further suggested
that he thought that they should try to organize a Slav Congress next
in Wash. Co. along the ~~lines of the same~~ same lines as the Fayette
Co. Congress where an organizational meeting is scheduled for ~~the same~~

April 27th to lay plans for a permanent congress in Fayette Co. Roy proposed that we should try to get the Congress moving in New Kensington and vicinity. He said once we had a good congress in that locality.

Matt told Roy about the letters some good and some bad which were coming from the Congressman and Roy proposed that Matt bring them over to the office on Monday sometime as he would like to see them.

This concluded the luncheon --- 3:10 P.M.

426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

April 1, 1947

Dear Comrade:

The next meeting of the City Council will take place on Wednesday, April 9th at 8 P. M., at the Studio on Wood St. The agenda will be as follows:

1. The Attacks on the Party and the Defense of American Democracy.
2. The Election of a City Executive Committee.

In connection with the discussion on the first point, we urge that you make certain to read the article by [redacted] in the March Political Affairs on the Post-War International Situation.

Comradely,

[redacted]

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 11, 1947

MEMO, SAC.

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

Attached hereto is a report dated April 5, 1947, by the above captioned informant and two mimeographed letters issued by the Communist Party.

Informant also furnished this office with two copies of a leaflet captioned "To You Who Love America" published by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania wherein the District indicates the proposed anti-Communist legislation is an attack on labor and democracy as well as the Communists. One copy of this leaflet has been placed in the file on political activities (100-8531). The other copy has been placed in the file on pamphlets and publications (100-8654).

The informant also has furnished a mimeographed letter published by the Communist Party, USA, New York, addressed to "My Dear Comrade" urging Communists everywhere to unite to defeat the proposed anti-Communist legislation. Also furnished by the informant was a letter dated April 2, 1947 from District 5 Headquarters of the CP attaching a copy of the report on the status of the Fighting Fund "To uphold the constitutional rights of Communists." Informant has also furnished a mimeographed letter issued by the District to all Club presidents and district committee members regarding the financial drive to obtain money for a "Fighting Fund." The communications mentioned in this last paragraph have been placed in 199-577, the master file of District 5 of the CP.

LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON
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Communist Party, U.S.A.

NATIONAL OFFICE

35 EAST 12th STREET • NEW YORK 3, N. Y. • Telephone: ALgonquin 4-2215

February 24, 1947

My dear Comrade:

There is a great urgency in the land, as I write this personal message to you . . . and a grave danger.

The danger is all too clear: that the trusts, the atom bomb monopolists, the G.O.P. gang of reactionaries may succeed in their threat to stampede our country into economic chaos and into war.

The urgency is for unity. Unity must and will emerge from this moment of deliberately created confusion . . . to organize the profound desire of the American working class, and the people, for democracy, security and peace.

In great measure, what happens, will depend on us, the Communists.

It is our Party which is singled out now, for the most vicious attacks. Our Party . . . because we possess that science of Marxism which can help to transform confusion into clarity, fear into courage, hesitation into daring, and above all, help to organize for victory over the trusts. But our Party is only one target. Every American is now compelled to become a front-line defender of his most elementary rights.

That is why Communists must be everywhere, literally everywhere, leading the way to unity and victory in the crucial issues of today; and pointing the way to Socialism, in the not-too-distant future.

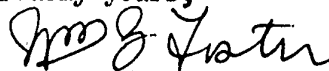
That is why we have set as our minimum goal the objective of reaching a membership of 100,000 by our Anniversary, in September.

Not for an instant, do I doubt that we shall achieve this goal. We shall reach 100,000 members by September, by pledging the greatest effort; by pledging the highest enthusiasm; by appreciating the great possibilities that exist everywhere to enroll tens of thousands of new members into our Party.

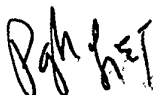
100,000 Communists in every city and town, in the shops, on the farms, among the Negro people and the foreign born, in every neighborhood, can make "UNITY" the organizing, fighting word which can help to bring democracy and security to the American people, and peace to all the people of the world.

In this message, I do not merely appeal to you to extend yourself to the utmost. Rather, with you, I pledge — 100,000 Communists in the United States by September.

Comradely yours,



William Z. Foster, Chairman



Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 12, 1947

MEMO, SAC.

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113.

On April 1, 1947, the captioned informant furnished the writer with handwriting specimens of [redacted] The handwriting specimens have been placed in the master files on these two individuals.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 14, 1947

MEMO, SAC.

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INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

On April 7, 1947, Confidential Informant C-113 advised that the American Veterans Committee was scheduled to hold a meeting for the District Branches of the AVC at the North Side Carnegie Library on April 25. Informant indicated this meeting was sponsored by the North Side Chapter of the AVC and that the conference had been originally initiated by Communists who are members of the North Side Chapter of the AVC.

Informant stated that a United States Senator by the name of TAYLOR would be the guest speaker at this meeting.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 17, 1947

MEMO, SAC

RE: CNDI C-113

On March 27, 1947, the above captioned informant advised that LEO KRYCZKI was expected to leave Pittsburgh that evening. The informant did not know the means of transportation, although he thought KRYCZKI would probably travel by train.

Informant stated that KRYCZKI had an appointment to speak in Milwaukee at 8:30 the following evening and expected to return to Pittsburgh the week of April 6. Informant stated that KRYCZKI had the flu and that he planned to rest ten days in Milwaukee before returning to Pittsburgh.

The above is being made a matter of record for informant's file.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 17, 1947

MEMO, SAC

RE: CNDI C-113

Attached hereto are reports of above captioned informant dated March 23 and April 2, 1947. It is suggested that this memo be placed as a serial in the master file on the informant.

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Communist Party ----- of Pittsburgh -- 3/23/47 - [redacted]
Meeting of Club Presidents --
Bakewell Bldg Office - Sunday - March 23rd., 1947 -- 4:35 P.M.

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A meeting of club Presidents was called to discuss the recent developments -- the following participated:

*** [redacted] - Students -----	*** [redacted] E.E.
**Matt Cvetic - Lawrenceville ---	[redacted] Dist.
* [redacted] --- Hazelwood	*** [redacted] Crucible.
** [redacted] --- N.S.	*** [redacted] SQ.Hill.
*** [redacted] --- Hill	*** [redacted] - Hill
??? [redacted] --- District	??? [redacted] --- ???33rd Dist.
??? [redacted] --- ??????	
*** [redacted] -----	

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name - white - female -- introduced as [redacted] of
~~Frank~~ Professional Club --

A report was given from all the Presidents on three points:

1. Mass Campaign - FEPC.
2. Reactions of Clubs on [redacted] and Trumans Proposals.

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3. Party Building Drive. --

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[redacted] in his reported first suggested that we get in back of FEPC Bill #562 - suggested all Club Presidents send for Petitions to Philadelphia -- he gave them the address --

Next he reported the following activities - he called mass activities of importance:

April 13th - Roosevelt Memorial Meeting sponsored by Slav Congress - Possible speakers -
7:30 P.M. Sen. Pepper - Sen. Murray - Phillip Murray - Bishop [redacted]
April 20th - AVC Meeting - Ally High School -
2:P.M. - Speaker Senator - Taylor - Subject --
Veterans Housing - anti-labor bills - FEPC -
April 27th - POSSIBLE PCA SPONSORED MEETING - Henry A. Wallace
principle speaker - /time not specified --

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*** INDICATES CLUB PRESIDENTS ??? EXACT STATE UNKNOWN CP NO. KNOWN

May 4th --- Eugene Dennis Meeting --- N.S. Music Hall ---
Evening ---

Club activities proposed --- Letters to Trumans against his
proposals --- Letters to Wallace indicating support --- Organize
sending out of copies of Wallace's Speech - mimeographed copies -
printed copies by the thousands --- Increase the sending of
letters to the newspapers ---

Distribution of Communist Party Leaflet on Foreign and Domestic
Policy dealing with recent developments --- [redacted] reported that
12,000 copies have been distributed so far --- another 12,000 are
in the process of being distributed --- Distribution is being made
at Crucible and J & L at all shifts ---

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Develop further the attack on [redacted] proposals ---

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Announced the District Bureau's recommendation on the \$250,000 Nation-
wide Drive --- Recommended that \$15,000 be District's quota of this
\$3000 is to be sent to the Natl Office \$2000 to the Daily Worker
and \$10,000 to be spent in district for Newspaper Ads --- Leaflets,
Radio --- etc --- Announced that \$360 (approx) was raised at

last night's testimonial Banquet for [redacted] in E. Pgh and that
pledges totaling around \$500 were received --- Also announced that
[redacted] pledged to raise \$1000 in the drive ---

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Announced further that quotas be accepted by all Clubs as to how
much they can raise by May 4th --- Also what minimum amount can be
raised this week ---

On Party Bldg ---

1. List of names of possible recruits --- individuals to be
assigned responsibility of contacting --- all clubs to increase

circulation of worker -- especially called attention to Squirrel Hill Club on this --
Finally it was proposed that each member of the executive committee ~~have~~ accept responsibility of taking charge of group of comrades from club on activities -- each exec member to be responsibility for 3 or ~~in~~ 4 members -- he made it very clear that this was only for the purpose of ~~involving~~ involving all comrades in the work and that no other motive should be attached to this. (BY INTIMATION HE ~~MEANT~~ MEANT HERE THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT THIS WAS A SECURITY MEASURE OR A PRELUDE TO THE PARTY GOING UNDERGROUND. ---

He also announced in the course of the meeting that a National Committee member Steve Nelson was to address the meeting but somehow he got mixed up in the time of the meeting as he left a note for him [] telling him he was there around 2 P.M. but no one was there. --

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He further suggested that everyone reads [] article in March Pol. Affairs (Name [] ????) to point out the new method of work -- said this article did more to develop a new approach to our work in New York than anyone other thing. ---

Reported that 1000 pamphlets (Dennis's) have been ordered for the district -- "Is Communism Unamerican"? ---

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M. (approximately)

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District Committee Meeting of the Communist
Party of Western Pennsylvania

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The District Committee of Western Penna. met at the K of
P Hall on Arch St. N.S. Pittsburgh on Sunday March 30th 1947 from
9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. (Approx.) with the following persons attending.

[redacted] of both A.M. & P.M. Sessions

PHIL BART * Phila. Dist. Guest.

ROY HUDSON District Chairman

[redacted]
And the following.

[redacted] Matt Cvetic

James Dolsen [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
And several others.

by Roy Hudson

The program ~~included~~ included a report (general) on the
legislative program and the party's general policy -- [redacted]
gave a report on Steel, Mining and Electric Concentration; ~~xxxx~~
A report on the ~~xxxx~~ "Fund Drive" by [redacted] and a Party
Building Drive by [redacted]

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In Roy's report and in ensuing discussion the members were
all asked to read the 'Chinese Communists' Article in the March issue
of the Political Affairs by [redacted] It was felt by Roy that this is

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an article that everyone should read. He also dealt with attacks on the party in ~~his~~ his remarks. [] report ~~was~~ added nothing from my viewpoint.

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On the fund drive it was announced by [] that approximately \$1840 was raised so far on the drive (in the course of the meeting an additional \$400 or so was received) and that the goal set for March 29th was \$2000.00 of the \$15,000 quota accepted by the District Board. Further he said that milestone were set for Apr. 15th when the District wants to see half of the quota fulfilled \$7500.00 and that the drive would be completed by May 4th - the Dennis Meeting. --

It was announced also that [] would be in charge of the drive for the district and also that a committee of five other people (names later) was appointed to help them. Phil Bart in remarks on the fund drive said that they have raised over \$22,000 so far and expect to raise a \$1000 a day for a while and that later this may drop off. He dealt with individual cases of how they have been able to get money from his district.

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On the party building drive it was pointed out that only some 18 new members were registered in the Pittsburgh District since Jan. 1st. and an additional 7 or so in the rest of the W.Pa. District. -- Phil Bart gave the district a new wrinkle on party bldg. by stressing the importance of not setting goals for the future but on each ~~evening~~ ~~comrade~~ comrade thinking on terms of "Who can I recruit ~~within~~ in the ~~next~~ next week or ten days. He said that's the way we do it in Philadelphia. Fifteen of those present pledged to recruit at least one by April 15th. --

[] read of a list of resolutions to be adopted and then the final resolution proposed by [] I have already relayed to you. --

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From a standpoint of enthusiasm and spirit the meeting was better attended than any previous meeting. The discussion was very good with the following participating in it. [redacted] Matt

Cvetic, James Dolsen, [redacted]

[redacted] Particularly noted that (at least during my observations - he may have had done ~~prior~~ so prior to that) [redacted] did not participate in the discussion.

From the discussion it was evident that there was a new spirit in the comrades and the amount of money that has so far come in indicates that there is a renewed interest in the "Struggle!" [redacted] are leading the Fund Drive and [redacted] is keeping a record of names and addresses which he suggested "should be kept in a strong box in a safe for security"

[redacted] has a new title of "City Membership Secretary" and at this meeting [redacted] was elected "District Organizer" by unanimous vote. --

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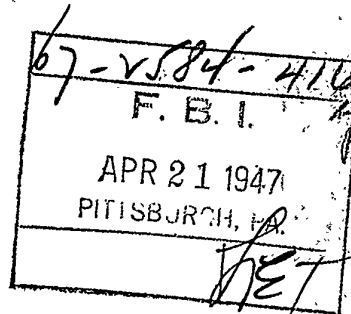
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BUREAU AUTHORIZATION LETTER 1/23/47

SERVICES \$60 per week

EXPENSES None

Period 1947	Amount	Period	Amount	Check No.	PAID Check Date	Agent
2/3 thru 2/9	\$60			# 795	2/10	Thompson
2/10 - 2/16	\$60			# 803	2/19	Thompson
2/17 - 2/23	\$60			# 807	2/27	
2/24 - 3/2	\$60			# 813	3/4	Thompson
3/3 - 3/9	\$60			# 823	3/10	Thompson
3/10 - 3/16	\$60			# 829	3/18	"
3/17 - 3/23	\$60			838	3/25	"
3/24 - 3/30	\$60			849	3/31	"
3/31 - 4/6	\$60			859	4/5	"
4/7 - 4/13	\$60			872	4/15	
4/14 - 4/20						
4/21 - 4/27						



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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 17, 1947

MEMO, SAC

Re: Confidential Informant C-113

Attached hereto are reports of the above-captioned informant dated February 26, March 7, March 13, and April 10, 1947. The notes mentioned in the report dated March 13 have been placed in the master file on the American Slav Congress.

The informant also furnished a carbon copy of a letter dated April 5, 1947, addressed to [redacted] American Slav Congress, New York City, from "MATT." This letter has been placed in the master file on the American Slav Congress.

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Meeting of Bureau for Wed. Eve. 2/26/47
of the Communist Party

[redacted] 2/26/47

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The Bureau met on Wed. Evening in the Baker ell Bldg office to hear a report of the American Slav Conference and also to discuss the Winston Meeting of March 9th and to discuss other business.

The report on the American Slav Conference was given by Matt Cvetic and this report is attached herewith.

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The following attended this meeting.

[redacted] Roy Hudson, Dist. Chairman
of this meeting

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Art Bartl

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On Discussion Art Bartl, [redacted]

[redacted] and Roy Hudson participated. -

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[redacted] raised several weaknesses of the Conference - on the Poles he felt they must be convinced politically -- he felt more delegates could have been gotten if properly organized (talking about Wash. Co.) that a bureaucratic approach was used in the presentation of nominations and the resolutions at the conference - and further that the most important report of the conference - that of the Executive Secretary was rushed.

ROY HUDSON IN HIS REMARKS SAID AND QUOTE:

The American Slav Conference was the first major mobilization of anti-fascist forces in this area that took a stand on big questions. - He said the role of the Slav Congress is

that is must be considered a strong section of the progressive movement that it represents broader and more important sections of the progressive slave forces --

He felt that an editorial should be gotten in the courier and pointed out that for the first time the Slave Congress has taken a real stand on the negro issue. -- He also said that closer relationships must be worked out between the CIO*AFL and the ASC on the anti-labor legislation --

On the Congress he said it is an organizations of organizations which should be utilized to co-ordinate the program (political) of the Slaves.

He also stressed the importance of organize Tell it to Congress Weeks amongst the Slaves -- For the Youth and Veterans he said the congress didn't handle this at the Conference and should work out a program of participation --

He moved that the report of Matt Cvetic be reported as progress this motion was approved.

A motion to call a meeting of the language commission shortly and also to call a conference of language groups within two months was approved.

This concluded the American Slave Conference and the next report will deal with the Winston Meeting which was next on the agenda.

DISTRICT
REPORT BY MATT CVETIC TO THE BUREAU OF THE
Communist Party - 2/26/47

[REDACTED] 2/26/47

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Matt Cvetic reported that there were 415 delegates at the Conference and some 250 or more visitors - On the breakdown of delegates he reported that there were the following present.

	Delegates	Lodges Represented	Quota
Slovak	56	34	75
Russian & Carpatho	33	13	40
Polish	16	8	30
Croatian	107	48	100
Ukrainian	20	6	50
Serbian	49	16	40
Slovene	54	23	60
Miscellaneous	76	40	
Trade Union	4	2	

70% of those registered were members of trade unions he reported.

A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF DELEGATES WILL BE SUBMITTED.

He reported that speakers included Mayor Lawrence, Senator Homer Brown, [REDACTED] USA, Leo Krzycki, National Pres. [REDACTED] Slovene Leader and [REDACTED] who attended the All Slav Congress.

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He also reported that messages were received and read from the AFL and the CIO.

The Decisions and Resolutions of the Conference were pointed out by Matt: He said a resolution to organize the Slavs against the 212 anti-labor proposals was passed and also a resolution for a permanent state FEPC - a resolution on Freedom of the Press was passed as was a resolution on foreign policy supporting Senator Peppers recent pronouncements and ~~xxxxxxxx~~ went on record against the re-arming of Germany. He said the conference also endorsed

Teachers salary raises, supported legislation on housing and also supported allowances for Veterans -also supported state rent control.

Matt pointed out that the weaknesses in the conference ~~xxx~~ were. First that we underestimated the possibilities of the conference and the role it could ~~xxx~~ play in leading the fight against the anti-labor laws. We procrastinated too long on approaching Mayor Lawrence and the leaders of the CIO and AFL - Also he pointed out that because of lack of time there was no discussion from the floor - also he said we overlooked entirely the participation of women in the program with the exception of [redacted] who gave a short report on CARE the international relief organization and [redacted] who gave a Credentials report. -- Another weakness was the small Trade Union representation -- He pointed out that this was the fault of the poor effort made to get trade union delegates. --

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As to plans for the future he said the Slav Congress must take its place alongside of other progressive organizations in leading the fight against reaction -- He also stressed that the number of young people at the conference would give new blood to the Congress -- And on the selection of the Officers and Committee more stress was placed on getting together a working committee. --

① Rep. 2/27/47

Discontinue
use of names

② Winston - notice
of meeting
(2/27/47)

③ 2 letters
2/11/47

④ Excerpts on Org.
(2/27/47)

⑤ Handbook for 1947
(2/27/47)

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Lawrenceville Communist Club

2/26/47

Regular Meeting - Tues 2/25/47 at Lawrenceville Fraternal Center
4745 Butler St.

The regular meeting was held with the following attending:

Matt Cvetic

The agenda:

Elections

Winston Meeting

AFL Labor Rally at Soldier & Sailors Memorial Hall

4 FEPC Rally of March 25th

5 Anti-Labor Proposals.

On elections the following were elected officers for 1947

Matt Cvetic, Chairman

On the Winston Meeting.

It was announced that due to the Labor Rally scheduled by the AFL it was felt the Winston meeting should be postponed and the membership attend the labor rally. ~~Andxxxx~~

On the Labor Rally it was proposed the members go to their unions and see what can be done to agitate for a mass rally by the CIO against the anti-labor proposals.

On the Anti-Labor legislation letters were written to Senators Martins and Myers protesting against the anti-labor laws. And support for the March 25 FEPC meeting was advocated.

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NATIONALITY COMMISSION MEETING OF

THE COMMUNIST PARTY ----

[REDACTED] 3/7/47

IWO Office - Columbia Bldg. -

The following participated in a meeting of the Nationality Group on Friday Afternoon, March 7th, 1947 at 4:00 P.M.

Roy Hudson, Dist. Chairman

Matt Cvetic, Exec. Secy Slav Congress

[REDACTED] Ukrainian IWO

[REDACTED] Serbian IWO

[REDACTED] Slovak IWO

[REDACTED] Serbian Progress. Press Slob. Rec.

Arthur Bartl, Croatian Progress Press - Narod. Glas.

[REDACTED] " " " "

[REDACTED] Edr. Greek-Amer. Tribune.

The first several points dealt with on the agenda are in this report - [REDACTED] participation is in a special report.

First Roy brought up the possibilities of having a meeting of the district committee on the First Sunday in April - April 6th - this was discussed and then voted down because someone said it was Easter Sunday (Roy asked if Easter Sunday comes on the same day every year and someone enlightened him on this point - that it didn't) --

Next he brought up the district picnic of the Communist Party and asked that all organizations finalize no plans for August until the date is set for the Party Picnic - [REDACTED]

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said that the Ukrainian Picnic was scheduled for August 3rd. Roy said that the date will be set and given out within a week.

Next he discussed the possibility of having a District Party Conference of the Slavs -- Matt Cvetic proposed March 31st as this was the fifth Sunday in March -- It was felt that this was too soon and so the final Sunday in April was set as the date for this conference -- Sunday April 27th. --

Finally a discussion of the Nationality School of the Communist Party was discussed and Roy said that so far only one comrade was proposed "Art Bartl" -- He suggested that Serbians, Croats and Slovaks propose someone and ~~that~~ he also announced that the school was postponed until April 10th (exact date ???)

On the Slav Congress which was next on the agenda -- the executive secretary of this body, Matt Cvetic gave a report of future work -- he stressed the importance of organizing panels for the local Congress and also said that committees should be set up in some of the key towns such as Johnstown, Monessen, Wash Co. and so on. -- He said that they have started work on Tell it to Congress Week and are getting out a card showing the names of local Congressman, Senators, State Representatives and State Senators which will be distributed to fraternal organizations to hang up in their halls. he also said that acultural festival is planned for May 29th and that he felt it was time to agitate for the success of the raffle.

In discussion proposed that the Slav Leaders should be called together -- that care should be exercised in not leaving the impression that we are trying to take over the work of other organizations - that we should try to bring attention of the

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American people to our program -- that we should call ~~for~~ a conference of editors on freedom of the press and that we ~~should~~ should act more as a legislative service to the organizations - preparing material - get out a monthly bulletin - publicize their affairs etc. --

Roy Hudson in his remarks said:

"We should show the organizations how to organize the fight on the resolutions adopted at the Congress - around the Foreign Policy Resolution; fepe, the anti-labor resolution and the Freedom of the Press - further we should give Peppers speech which can now be had in printed form broad distribution. We should give directions to organizations -- get delegates to report on the results of the Conference. We should organize campaign against the injunction -- and in support of the miners -- we should protest Vote on -----?????? ????) educate the ~~slav~~ organizations how to organize fight around issues -- He said concretely we should learn to give leadership, and help to co-ordinate the program -- we should together with the Slav leadership and through delegates organize meetings in key areas around issues -- we should issue directives -- Questions he raised are How to get leadership to accent the Congress -- how to unite and activate all slav organizations on a common program so they can be an organized force in the Political movement in the District - Pointed out that each slav group (croatian council etc) cannot achieve mass political strength alone - that we should think ahead and think what would our policy and plan be if it were 1948 and we were planning to enter the 1948 elections as a part of the progressive co-alition--- He said the Slav Congress should follow

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up its relationship with the negro congress and also pointed out the more friendly attitude of the CIO and cited the friendly attitude of [] there toward Matt when he called on the CIO for some information dealing with their legislative program when [] said according to Roy that Matt can call on them ~~anytime~~ anytime they needed help.

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Re: Foreign Policy Statement of President Truman
and Statement of Schellenbach on the
American Communist Party.

[redacted] 3/13/47

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The attached notes on the Foreign and Domestic policies ~~dealing~~ of the United States dealing with the above two questions was typed out by Roy Hudson for Matt Cvetic Exec. Secy of the Amer. Slav Congress of Western Penna. to present at the meeting of their Exec. Comm. tonight. (ASC Exec. Comm.). The ink corrections from my observations were made by Roy Hudson and the pencil notations were made by Matt Cvetic as suggested by Roy Hudson.

Further action for tonight proposed by Hudson were to get committees and organizations of the Slav Congress to write Fulton protesting his vote on the 'Portal to Portal' pay to get representatives of the State of Pa. to support #562 Bill on FEPC and to try to organize massy rallies wherever possible in support of Resolutions passed at Feb. 23rd conference.

Roy Hudson together with [redacted] spent much time contacting people to get them to issue statements ~~on~~ on the above two questions listed in title of this report. -- Leading Union persons and leaders of Front organizations were contacted for such statements --

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CITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF

THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

Wed. Eve. 8:00 PM

[redacted] 4/10/47

4/9/47

440 Wood St. - 3rd Floor.

The City Committee of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh met at the above state place and time with the following in attendance.

[redacted]
James Dolsen

Matt Cvetic

[redacted]
Roy Hudson

There were also members of the professional, food and youth clubs present whose names were not known to me. The representative from the professional club was an elderly man fairly bald - wearing glasses - heavy set -- the fellow from food was a small man - sallow complected - dark hair; from youth (or Sq.Hill) a girl probably Jewish - rather plump - wearing glasses. --

Reports included a report of the District Conference by [redacted]

[redacted] Proposals by [redacted]

Recommendations by [redacted]

-- and reports from the floor.

[redacted] report - nothing new;

[redacted] proposed that the city accept a quota of \$7000 of the Districts \$15,000 quota -- this proposal was accepted -- periodic reports will be submitted -- The next Roll Call on the drive will be on April 19th on which date Elizabeth Gurley Flynn will be a guest of the District.

[redacted] report dealt with the new setup of the District Committee on this I report herewith in detail.

[redacted] reported that the Committee composed of [redacted]

[redacted] ~~met~~ which was elected at the District Committee meeting recently met and together with [redacted] discussed the recommendations that a new City Executive and a new City Committee be set up. He said in discussing possible members of the various committees many things were taken into account. For i.e. for the City Executive 14 persons were recommended and after discussion the following names were suggested by the committees as being the best for this committee:

[redacted] Hill Branch

James Dolsen, North Side Branch and Daily Worker Director in District

[redacted] Southside Branch

[redacted] Crucible Branch

[redacted] Lawrenceville Branch

[redacted] Penn Twp.

[redacted] J & L Branch

[redacted] Hill Branch

He said that a proposal for a ninth member of this Executive Committee was held pending further action. He said that he was originally ~~asked~~ requested by the District to accept the job of the City Membership Director and as such would be a member of this Committee. He said that this was discussed by the Exec. Committee of his Club and they would not release him from his job as Club Membership Director so he could not accept the job. So this 9th place on the Exec. Comm. will be held open pending the election of a City Membership Secretary. Other leading comrades in the ~~District~~ City from time to time will be invited to meet with the Exec. Committee.

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He further proposed that a City Committee be set up composed of the President of each club and an additional delegate to be elected by each Club. This would give each club two members on the City Committee. The President and an elected ~~man~~ member. It was further proposed that the Hill Club and the Northside Club each be allotted an additional member - to be elected - to this committee. It was also pointed out that additions could be ~~made~~ made to this committee if voted. All ~~the~~ the above proposals were accepted.

[] further mentioned that the Veterans (presumably the Communist Party Member Veterans) will meet on Sunday afternoon April 20th at 2:30 p.m. He said the place was not decided as yet. (this may deal with the proposed Veterans Demonstration planned sometime in May for Washington, D.C.) ---

[] in the discussion on [] report was a little sore because he wasn't elected to the City Executive Committee. He said that sometime ago Dave Grant asked him if he would accept the post of City Youth Director. He said he asked his club and got a release to accept this post. - ~~but~~ Now he ~~feels that~~ feels that ~~xxx~~ the City Exec. should appoint someone on their board to be in charge of City Youth work. He relinquished the post he held which up to date as far as I know ~~xxxx~~ wasn't an active one in the capacity of City Youth Director. --

From other reports on fund drive S.S. reported a total of \$375.00 raised to date (Mamula). N.S. reported a total of \$800 raised to date but here Nusser who made the report included some \$500 or more dollars raised by the comrades at the language press.

[] proposed that ~~\$X~~ 20% of the fund drive money raised

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by each club be retained in their treasury. After discussion this was voted down. Roy Hudson in remarks said that this was a good idea that clubs start thinking in terms of raising treasuries of ~~for~~ their own and proposed that this be done over above the quotas accepted by the Clubs ~~for~~ on the \$250,000 quota. He also said that we must also think about setting up a treasury soon for the Section (City of Pittsburgh).

[redacted] who was introduced by [redacted]
[redacted] for the Dennis Meeting gave a brief report on the publicity which is in the process of preparation -- This will include newspaper publicity and also leaflets for distribution

Roy Hudson reported that there is a slight possibility that [redacted] may be gotten for the Dennis meeting. He was careful to point out that ~~there~~ the chance is 1 out of a 100 but that he [redacted] is considering. He also pointed out that the fact that [redacted] thinks that the meeting is important enough to be considered must make us realize the national importance of the Dennis meeting - it will be his first appearance outside of New York for a meeting since the Un-American Hearing.

THESE ARE ALL THE SINS I CAN REMEMBER.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 17, 1947

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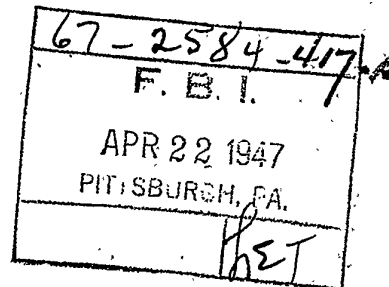
Re: Confidential Informant C-113

On April 15, 1947, [redacted] advised of a conversation at District 5 Headquarters between ROY HUDSON and STEVE NELSON. Both agreed that MATT CVETIC is very likeable and that he is well liked by outsiders but politically naive and does not have enough push and drive to ever be a real leader.

The above is being furnished to show that this informant is well considered by national leaders of the Communist Party and that they are not cognizant of his connection with the Bureau.

LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON, SA

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 17, 1947

MEMO, SAC

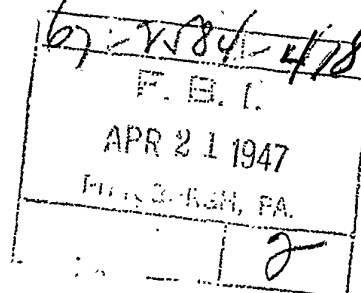
Re: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

Attached hereto are three pieces of literature submitted by the above-captioned informant, which information was published by District 5 of the Communist Party.

It is suggested that this memorandum be incorporated in the master file of this informant.

LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON, SA

LET:MAW
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URGENT!

NOTICE: The time of the May 4th Rally with Eugene Dennis has been changed from 2:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Make this change on your tickets immediately.

Dear Comrades:

Due to a very serious mistake made in the arrangements for the May 4th mass meeting, the North Side Carnegie Music Hall was obtained for the evening, 7:30 P.M., instead of the afternoon as originally planned. The only alternative left was to change the time of the meeting to 7:30 in the evening since it was impossible to obtain the hall for the afternoon.

This means that each club should immediately arrange to notify every comrade to make the change of time on his or her tickets. This should be done at once, utilizing the telephone, writing letters and mobilizing cars to visit as many comrades as possible.

While this means creating additional problems in an all out mobilization for the meeting, the political character and importance of this meeting is such that it should create the greatest determination in each comrade to work all the harder to make this meeting an outstanding success. If we will approach this meeting with that understanding and determination, there can be no doubt that our efforts will result in a powerful demonstration that will fully reflect the traditions of May Day and deal a powerful blow to the efforts to destroy our Party, the American labor movement and American democracy.

Comradely yours,

Roy Hudson
for the District Board.

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- ROLL CALL -

4/10/47

Issued By The Western Penna. Committee for Constitutional Rights of Communists

TWO DOWN -- TWO TO GO

A Statement by Roy Hudson and E.P.Cush

On April 19th Elizabeth Gurley Flynn will call the roll. Will your club be able to report that it has reached 65% of its quota? Will you as an individual have met your pledge by then? These are the goals that we must fight for and try to accomplish by the 19th. If we do, we will have real guarantees that on May 4th we will be able to report to Comrade Dennis that the fight to raise \$15,000 is won.

We beat reaction to the punch in the first two rounds of the battle to defend our democratic rights and the rights of all Americans. In two weeks \$3740 came in. This is good - considering the fact that we were not yet organized to meet the attack opened up by Schwellenbach's call to outlaw the Party.

BUT TWO ROUNDS DON'T WIN A FIGHT. From now on it is organization, planning and hard work that will bring victory. Victory will come if we remember that this is not the usual fund drive - but is part of a battle. That battle is going on NOW. Someone wants to outlaw or restrict the rights of the Party NOW. Reaction wants to pass anti-labor laws NOW. Reaction wants to defeat the workers wage demands NOW. Big Business wants to put across Truman's aid to Greek and Turkish fascists NOW. If we are going to defeat these attacks, then NOW is the time to do it -- and we need a war chest of at least \$15,000 to do it!

Western Penna. has sent in \$1500 to the National Fighting Fund -- which is only part of our pledge. Nationally, the original goal of \$250,000 has already been achieved. THIS IS NO WAY AFFECTS OUR DRIVE HERE. Our drive for \$15,000 includes our share to the National Fund, to the Worker Campaign, and for our District and Clubs Fighting Fund. We are pledged to raise this amount by May 4th, the date of the Dennis Meeting.

LET'S WIN THE THIRD ROUND -- 65% OF OUR QUOTA BY APRIL 19TH!

ATTENTION: REP. McDOWELL!

Comrade Cush, who will be 80 yrs. young in October is contributing \$1 for each year of his life -- \$80 to the Fighting Fund!

A member of the Homestead Club pledged \$40 - a week's pay. Realizing the need to act quickly, she borrowed the money and turned in her pledge in full.

An electrical worker pledged a week's pay and said, "I didn't realize how much the Party means to me until the reactionaries attacked us. We have to give NOW so we can continue to exist."

Highest individual contributor to date is a comrade from Pgh. who gave \$250. He was out of town when the drive started. When he returned, he was afraid he had been overlooked, so he called up an officer of his club and turned in his contribution.

Vet students with their limited incomes decided their quota was too low and raised it. One of the comrades pledged to sell his war bonds, another is selling a fur coat, another a stove. "Even tho we have small incomes," they said, "we can all raise money to save democracy in our country."

The East Pgh. Club is boasting of a new member - he joined the Party on the nito the Drive was discussed in the Club - and came back exactly one week later with \$50 that he had collected from friends - and promises more for next week.

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SECTION	QUOTA	STATUS OF THE FIGHTING FUND		TO BE RAISED BY APR. 19TH
		RAISED BY APR. 7TH	PER CENT	
Pittsburgh	\$7250.00	\$2359.25	30%	\$4712.50
Washington County	2000.00	328.00	16%	1300.00
East Pittsburgh	2000.00	503.00	25%	1300.00
Steel	1000.00	195.00	19%	650.00
Erie	500.00	177.00	35%	325.00
New Kensington	300.00	90.00	30%	195.00
Rural Ridge	250.00	80.00	32%	162.50
Johnstown	250.00	12.00	4%	162.50
		\$3744.25		\$9750.00

There are still the following to be heard from:

Springdale	150.00	97.50
Farrell	500.00	325.00

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN ACCEPTS

TO ALL SECTIONS AND CLUBS
TO ALL FRIENDS OF CIVIL LIBERTIES

We received a wire from Comrade Elizabeth Gurley Flynn accepting our invitation to be the guest of honor at the Roll Call Luncheon Meeting on the 19th of April. So, Comrades and friends, from here on -- its up to us! Start preparing for this important Roll Call!

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

Place -- Knights of Pythias Hall -- 708 Arch St., N.S., Pgh.

Time -- Saturday, April 19th -- 8 P.M.

Chairman -- E. P. Cush, Treasurer of the Committee

PROGRAM

1. Roll Call -- every club in the District
2. Greetings by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
3. Refreshments and Fun

OUR AIM: To reach 65% of our total quota by that date. The figures listed above represent 65% of each section's quota.

There is no admission charge. Every club is urged to select at least three of its best workers to attend.

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426 Bakewell Bldg.
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

TO ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS

TO BE DISCUSSED AT ALL CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Dear Comrades:

On May 8th and 9th, the National Veteran's Committee of the Party is organizing the first national encampment of Communist veterans to be held in Washington D.C. to commemorate V-E Day. This is a major political event of national importance and will be a means of bringing to all America the truth about the program, the record of Communist veterans in the war, and the devotion of the Communist Party to our country.

To prepare for this Encampment, a temporary Veteran's Committee has been established in the District to arrange for a meeting of all Communist veterans. This meeting will be held Sunday, April 20th, 2:30 P.M. at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 708 Arch St., North Side. In addition to discussing the Encampment and the Defense of the Party, we will also deal with the problems of the veterans in Western Pennsylvania and discuss ways and means of putting our work on an organized basis.

An outstanding feature of the meeting will be the participation of Comrade John Gates, who is National Chairman of the Veteran's Committee of the Communist Party. In view of the importance of this gathering we are asking each club Executive Committee to designate one of its non-veteran members to attend the meeting so that we can have a larger core of the Party leadership participating in the discussion of Veterans' work, thereby providing a stronger basis for organizing this work in each club.

Comradely yours,

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for the District Board

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for the District Veteran's Committee

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April 23, 1947

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RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

Attached hereto are informant's reports submitted by the above captioned individual as well as exhibits furnished by the informant.

This memo and the attached reports and exhibits should be placed as one serial in the file 67-2584.

LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON
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MAY DAY RALLY 4/12/47
TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY

"Whirlwinds of danger are raging round us
O'rwhelming forces of darkness prevail."

(Warsavianka, old Polish Worker's Song)

Will the dawn of freedom in Europe be eclipsed by a night of reaction in
America?

Are the lessons so bitterly learned by the peoples of the old world to be
replayed in the new world?

Will the iron curtain of greed be allowed to shut from view the truth about
the state of affairs here and abroad?

Will the stench of Hitlerism now being wafted from the chambers of the
Un-American Committee permeate our lives?

OR WILL WE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, REESTABLISH THE POLICIES OF THE LATE
FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT!

WILL WE SAFEGUARD OUR FREEDOM AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD, AND STOP THE
HANDFUL OF MONEYBAGS WHO WANT TO TIE A YOKE AROUND OUR NECKS!

These are not \$64 questions. If you don't know the answers it may cost
you your life and liberty.

Come and hear what the House Un-American Committee was afraid to hear,
the statement of Eugene Dennis --

EUGENE DENNIS, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE U.S.A. WILL

SPEAK ON SUNDAY, MAY 4th AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE NORTHSIDE CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

Issued by the Communist Party of Western Penna.-- 426 Bakewell Bldg.
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To You Who Love America

The coal miners of Pennsylvania and the country have been fined \$700,000 because they dared to exercise their American rights.

In Congress today there are over two hundred anti-labor bills which if enacted would be a violation of American democracy.

The steel operators, Westinghouse corporation and coal barons have not yet met the justified wage demands of the steel and electrical workers and the miners.

After two months Governor Duff has not introduced the FEPC legislation called for in the GOP election platform.

President Truman calls for funds, arms and military advisors to help the reactionary Greek king to defeat Greek democracy. The Post-Gazette brazenly admits we are undertaking the role Great Britain played in the 19th century and that this is a policy of "DOLLAR DIPLOMACY AND ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES."

Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach calls for illegalizing the Communist Party. In reply to his call, six bills have been introduced which violate free elections and American democracy. This is the way Hitler started Germany on the road to Fascism.

Henry Wallace, in opposing Truman's program, said, "President Truman has not spoken for the American ideal." Mr. Wallace is correct because, if these things go unchallenged we will be on the road to Fascism in America and world peace will be endangered.

Those who would bring Fascism to America falsely charge you and I with being disloyal to America if we oppose their program. But the economic royalists who make this slander know only one loyalty — loyalty to their profits and greed.

Who benefits by the fine and injunction issued against the miners? Who benefits if Congress passes anti-labor legislation and declares the Communist Party illegal? Who benefits if the King of Greece and the reactionaries in Turkey are bolstered up by the money and military might of America? The people won't gain — they will get it in the neck by these things! But somebody will gain — they are the men of the trusts, Mr. Grundy, Mr. Pew, Mr. Mellon, Mr. Weir, Mr. Price and the others who control the big monopolies.

Here is the real danger to America — all the talk about Stop Communism and the danger of war with our wartime ally, the Soviet Union, is but a smoke screen to hide the real enemy — the profit-greedy bankers and industrialists who profit by weakening American labor, destroying democracy and maintaining the rule of broken-down kings.

Let all true patriots unite to meet this danger to America. For unity of labor and the people against the trusts. Let us declare with one voice:

Not a cent to the enemies of democracy in Greece and Turkey! No arms, no military aid to increase Wall Street profits and enslave other peoples. Let aid and assistance be given to the Greek people through the United Nations!

Grant the wage demands of organized labor — support to the miners, steel workers and electrical workers.

Defend democracy — put an end to injunctions — defeat the anti-labor legislation and anti-communist bills in Congress. Hands off the trade unions and the Communist Party!

Fight for more democracy — demand passage of House Bill 562 — for a State FEPC.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF WESTERN PA.
ROY HUDSON, Chairman

per letter
3-21-47

[Redacted Box]

3-18-47

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Americans in all ranks of life attacked the proposal by Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach to outlaw the Communist Party. Labor leaders, Congressmen, New York City councilmen and many others distinguished for their work in behalf of civil liberties agreed the Schwollenbach proposal constituted an opening wedge for fascism.

Their statements follow.

SENATOR CLAUDE PEPPER

(D., Fla.)

"Mr. Schwollenbach ought to define what he means. What crime does he seek to penalize? If any principle or practice engaged in by the so-called Communists is contrary to public welfare, let that be set forth. But to outlaw people by name, without definition, is not right, and I would be very reluctant to vote for a bill of that sort."

SENATOR GLEN TAYLOR

(D., Idaho)

"Communist hunting is always the shield to cover reaction's attack on the people's living standards and on the organization of labor."

JOSEPH CURRAN

President of the National Maritime Union, CIO, and of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council

"That's part of the strategy of the drive against labor. The reactionaries and would-be fascists in this country want to hamstring the labor movement and will do anything to get their way."

"Outlawing political parties of any kind is a danger signal for democracy whether you agree with them or not."

"I'm against it."

REPR. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL

(D., N. Y.)

"So long as the Constitution is the foundation of our democracy, Mr. Schwollenbach's proposal is ridiculous. Of course, if we don't want to be a democracy the Secretary of Labor's statement is in order."

GENEVIEVE EARLE

Minority Leader, New York City Council

"Oh no, this is America. I don't like the Communist Party, but such an action is unconstitutional. I don't like the idea of chopping off heads."

FRANK DUTTO

President, AFL Bakers Local 1

"It is sheer hypocrisy to pretend to be a defender of labor's rights and then to call for outlawing the Communist Party. This is a move toward fascism, toward destroying the democratic rights of all people, especially of labor."

PETER V. CACCHIONE

Communist Councilman, New York City

"It appears as if persons in government responsible for making policy have taken over the whole Hitler line. This line used in Europe throughout the thirties divided the people in each country and divided each country against itself to guarantee the ideological victory of world fascism. Schwollenbach's monstrous proposal is a threat not alone to the Communist Party, but to every minority party and every lover of democratic freedom and an insult to the traditions of this country."

EUGENE CONNOLLY

Councilman, American Labor Party, New York City

"Outlawing of the Communist Party is the road to the destruction of political and constitutional liberties in America. First it would be the Communist Party, then the American Labor Party and all minority parties in this country. I should think that the experiences of Hitlerism, which brought this country so much blood, sweat and tears, would have taught us a lesson."

PAUL J. KERN

Former New York City Civil Service Commissioner

"That's just the way Hitler started. I think Harry Truman is trying to start a war before 1948 so he can be reelected."

VINCENT SHEEAN

Author

"Schwollenbach's proposal is obviously unconstitutional. I doubt very much if it would get across the U. S. Supreme Court. Schwollenbach seems to be trying to curry favor with the Republican reactionaries."



THESE AMERICANS HA

JOIN THEM IN SPEAKING UP FOR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND

S PROTEST

REVEREND THOMAS S. HARTEN

Holy Trinity Baptist Church

"I am not a Communist but I have observed many of their good works among my people very closely. I feel they are entitled to every right and privilege any other American person enjoys. The Secretary of Labor's words were un-Christian and certainly un-American. It must not happen here."

REVEREND J. FLETCHER

Boston Episcopal Theological School

"I think Secretary Schwollenbach's statement is nonsense. I don't think we should exclude any party."

JOE R. HANLEY

N. Y. State Lieutenant Governor

"Like every other good American, I stand in unalterable opposition to any organization or individual that would seek the overthrow of this government by force or other means. At the same time I thoroughly believe in the right of every individual either through himself or an organization, to express his political convictions. If he or his organization is wrong they need instruction, not repression. Liberty of political action, or the functions of any political organization, should never be curtailed or abolished unless they are being used for the overthrow or destruction of this government."

MAURICE M. WEAVER

Attorney, Chattanooga, Tenn., defense counsel
in the Columbia "riot" trial

"In a democracy all parties should be free to operate. The power to outlaw should not be left with such an especially reactionary Congress. If we are to preserve democracy we must have all parties and peoples free to speak what they think whether we agree with it or not. Democracy lives in an atmosphere of freedom; fascism grows in the soil of oppression."

DANIEL E. MORGAN

Judge, Ohio Court of Appeals

"Mr. Schwollenbach stated that the Communist Party should be denied any recognition. By that statement, the Secretary of Labor indicates that the Communist Party should be denied a place on the ballot."

"The effect of denying the Communist Party a place on the ballot and all other recognition will inevitably drive the party underground. Such is contrary to the Bill of Rights and fundamental American liberties."

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

"I do not object to honest Communists. When they are out in the open I know with what I am dealing. Outlawing of the Communist Party would be suppression and suppression has never accomplished anything in a true democracy. Suppression merely reflects a fear in the strength of our own beliefs. Our people can best fight Communism by making democracy work. I do not think that Communists advocate the overthrow of the government by violence, but seek to wreck democracy by undermining. This can only be done if our democracy is weak."

LESTER GRANGER

Executive Secretary, National Urban League

"The proposal is exceedingly dangerous. If it were carried to its logical conclusion it would destroy freedom of speech and thought which constitute the base of American citizenship."

RABBI J. GERSON

Philadelphia Rabbi

"I am certainly against it. It would be a terrible thing to do. Reactionaries are trying to come in. It is the beginning of something much larger."

BARTLEY CRUM

Member, President Truman's Commission on Palestine
Prominent Republican Attorney

"It is unconstitutional and utterly stupid for government to attempt to prevent people from thinking or believing as they wish. Action of this sort is contrary to the Bill of Rights."

"As a non-Communist I think the most effective answer to the Marxists is to make our democracy work by providing equality and job opportunities for all, strengthening the trade unions and raising the standard of living."

NICK LAZARI

Business Agent, Local 237,

Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance, AFL, Pittsburgh

"Schwollenbach's proposal to suppress the Communist Party is not an isolated event directed against the Communists any more than Taft's and Ball's proposals against labor, or Bilbo's and Rankin's attacks against Negroes, or Gerald L. K. Smith against the Jews or KKK against the Catholics. It is but a play of one gun of reaction's arsenal against the democratic rights of the American people."

E TAKEN THEIR STAND!

E CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC GROUPS!

American Democracy Must Not Commit Suicide

By EUGENE DENNIS
General Secretary, Communist Party

The American people, the followers of the late President Roosevelt, and especially the labor movement, were shocked at the demand of Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach that the Communist Party be outlawed. In asking this, Secretary Schwellenbach openly joined forces with the ultra-reactionary GOP and its Parnell-Thomas-Rankin Un-American Committee.

It is significant that Schwellenbach's un-American declaration was made before the GOP-dominated House Labor Committee, which is trying to push through legislation designed to cripple and destroy the trade unions. Therefore it was not accidental that the Secretary of Labor coupled his call for repressive action against the Communist Party with endorsing the GOP proposal to amend the Wagner Act.

In this connection, all Americans, especially all trade unionists and their organizations, should remember that in every country in which the Communist Party was outlawed the free trade unions and the liberties of all sections of the common people were also suppressed. This was so in Hitler Germany, in fascist-militarist Japan, and in Italy under Mussolini. It is so today in Franco Spain and fascist Greece.

ALL MUST SPEAK OUT

The pro-fascist demand for the illegalization of the Communist Party can be defeated by the aroused and united action of labor and the people. For, 1947 is not 1933, when Hitler came to power. The American people have learned something about Hitler's anti-Communist technique in the fires of the anti-Axis war.

While the Truman Administration may be prepared to commit political suicide by joining with the Hoovers and Tafts in abridging the democratic rights of labor and the Communists—the supporters of FDR's policies, the mass of the American people, are not.

But time grows short. Every American who cherishes democracy must now actively defend it. Every democrat and progressive must protest and defeat any and all efforts to violate the Constitution and Bill of Rights through the enactment of undemocratic and repressive legislation, whether directed against the Communist Party or the trade unions.

Democracy, like peace, is indivisible. It must be defended for labor and the Communists if it is to be preserved for all the people.

Telegram Sent To Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach By Communist Veterans of World War II

Your statement before Labor Committee shocked all persons who mistakenly believed you still held to progressive anti-fascist policies of F.D.R. How dare you call for unconstitutional repression of working man's political party? You have the right to oppose us but not the right to use high office to spread Hitlerite lie that we seek to destroy our country. We and thousands other Communists were on the front lines fighting for preservation our country's independence. We request apology for slur to memories of hundreds of comrades who died proving Communists loyalty to American traditions. Are you trying to buy immunity from red-baiting wolves by tossing them red meat? Apparently you missed lesson of history of millions of corpses in Europe. Feed fascist wolves red meat and their appetite grows for pink meat—and yellow meat too.

PETE KARPA, Fireman 1/c, U. S. Navy
NATE ALBERT, Tech.-Sgt., 5th Air Force
JOE FILNER, S.-Sgt., 180th Infantry, 45th Division
DAVE GRANT, S.-Sgt., Americal Division

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AMERICAN VETERANS COMMITTEE

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A special report.

A tremendous effort is being made by the Communist Party in this district to recruit members and progressives into the AVC for the purpose of influencing the Convention of the AVC which is scheduled for this year. Most of this activity has been centered in the Northside and Southside sections of Pittsburgh but efforts are also being exerted in other sections.

[redacted] who meets often with [redacted] and keeps in telephone contact with him is doing the work in the South Side Chapter and is also exerting influence wherever possible in the District. He is under constant fire ^{of} ~~by~~ the present leadership of the AVC. He was largely instrumental in making the arrangements for the Senator Taylor Meeting which is scheduled ^{in the NS. Carnegie Music Hall} for April 25th and which the Communist Party in this District is also supporting very strongly.

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Arthur Bartl is in charge of the work in the Northside Chapter of AVC which he was instrumental in organizing and where he has recruited several members for the Chapter. He works in close harmony with [redacted] [redacted] has also recruited several persons into the AVC --

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The status of other Communist Party Veterans in this work is not known to me but I do know that [redacted] and others often meet with [redacted] who seems to be in charge of the work for the party.

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EUGENE DENNIS MEETING - May 4th.

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One thousand of the attached circulars will be distributed at the American Slav Congress Meeting at the Northside Carnegie Music Hall on Sunday evening April 13th.

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[REDACTED] gave Matt Svetick a supply of them and in our office today in the Bakewell Bldg and asked him to take them over to the meeting tomorrow night and that he would arrange for two comrades from Northside Club to distribute them.

AS YOU WILL NOTE BY THE CIRCULAR THE TIME OF THE MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 7:30 P.M. THIS WAS MADE NECESSARY BECAUSE THERE IS AN ORGAN RECITAL IN THE SAME BLDG THAT P.M.

STEVE NELSON AND MATT CVETIC MEETING
IN OFFICE OF AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

4/15/47

Steve Nelson Nationality Commission leader of the Communist Party - (Nationally) met with Matt Cvetic Exec. Sec. of the American Slav Congress in the office of the American Slav Congress at 1005 Berger Bldg at 12:30 P.M. today - the meeting continued until 1:30 when they retired to Tambellini's Restaurant located on Fourth Ave. near Grant St. where to finished the r conversation

Matt gave Steve a brief report of the Congress and its activities since last November - He covered the February Conference, the Roosevelt meeting and the activities of the Congress around the many domestic and ~~for~~ international issues. For future work Steve had the following key proposal

First Steve Nelson suggested that the Slav Congress try to organize a delegation to the Senate on the proposed Anti-Labor Bills -- He said that a representative delegation should be gotten together of Slav leaders and also Slavs in Trade Union organizations if possible. ~~Next he~~ He felt that it was too late to do anything on the House Bill but felt that the Delegation to the Senate would be adequate and would be effective

Second he suggested that the Congress continue to do what it can on "Wallace".

Next he proposed that something might be organized through the Congress around the "20" Slavs from Farrell who are being faced with deportation proceedings through the Immigration Office from Youngstown, Ohio. He suggested that activities be organized on the basis of "Civil Rights" and that if possible an emergency

Conference be called together with the Comm. for Protection ~~of~~ For Foreign born or separately if necessary. He suggested that we discuss with legal advisers of these people and also to ask Atty. [redacted] (First Name spelling ???) to come here to discuss the cases. He proposed that National Leaders of the CFU and other local organizations be asked to take a stand and that in this way they can be put on the spot because if they refuse you can show the people what kind of bastards they are. He cited one case of one of the Women from Farrell who had 2 sons in the service and they are trying to deport because she is a member of a Progressive CFU Lodge. The conference he further suggested may be a W.Pa.- E. Ohio Conference since the office of the Immigration Bureau prosecuting the cases is in Youngstown. He said we could point out that they are being persecuted unjustly. He suggested further that Matt write to [redacted] in New York and ask him to come to Pgh and also that he should proposed to [redacted] that in W.Pa. the Slav Congress will work with them on these cases -- He further suggested the getting out of petitions on the Cases which can also be used to raise money for the fighting of the cases. Petitions could contain statements of the cases of the people involved. -- An attempt to get attorneys to handle cases also should be made -- that is on a voluntary basis --

He also proposed that we go on record demanding an investigation of the Youngstown, Ohio immigration office (Regional) -- He also suggested that perhaps Patriotic Red White and Blue Defense stamps could be used. - and use slogans such as "Defend Bill of Rights" and "Stop Persecution of Foreign Born. He also suggested that Matt and [redacted] visit [redacted] in Farrell.

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Next ~~the~~ Steve Nelson raised the question of the Organizations and their status -- He did this for the purpose of getting Matt's ideas on them . Steve proposed that the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief be continued on a Minimum basis -- that is two or three people assigned to it to do volunteer work.00 On the American ~~Com~~ Committee for Reconsruction in Eugoslavia He suggested that the local committees working on this be continued and that no action be taken to exp/and. On the United Committee he suggested the present executive committee be continued for the purpose of carry on work -- Suggested that a meeting of the committee to discuss the Quarterly ~~Booklet~~ Booklet being put out by the UC be ~~called~~ held regularly.

On the Croatian Council he suggested that they should continue their work in prepartions for the Croatian Fraternal Union Conference but that ~~the~~ otherwise they should become a part of the American Slav Congress.

On the American Slav Congress Steve like the way the local Congress was working and suggested it continues to work that way -- felt ~~that~~ other congresses should work the same way. Efforts should be made to feel out the people to see what can be done on the Quarterly publication being started by the National Office.

Generally he felt neither the CC or the ASC should resort to membership drives anymore as it is misleading. He suggested after this other activities on the Farrell CASES as follows.

He suggested that 2 Or 3 key people in each district be assigned to work on the FARREL Cases.

1. to organize Social Affaris - raise money for defense of Victims of Farrell
2. Organize Nights of Democracy --
3. Try to get 5 or more women together in each district to organize these affairs.

On the Slav Congress financing the raffle etc he proposed that Matt ~~xxx~~ write to affiliates and get someone to be responsible for Slav Congress work -- call them to meetings etc. -- He proposed that the Raffle be not raised in a negative way when Matt said that many of our people who took responsibility didn't fulfill same. -- Matt asked if there is possibility of getting anymore money from the National office of the ASC - He said we owe them \$500 now and if they could let us have another \$1500 it would help. Steve said they expect the \$500 back ~~xx~~ as they will be getting out the publication soon. Matt said they'll get the money back but because ~~xx~~ of the activities we have been carrying on ~~xx~~ and the fact that some of our people didn't fulfill their responsibilities we are short.

Next Steve asked about Slovenian problems and Matt said the SANS convention is scheduled for May 30-31 in Cleveland and that in preparation for that we are having a local meeting of SANS on Friday night to elect delegates. Both Matt and Steve suggested that a national conference of the Party people should be held on Friday May 29th in Cleveland in preparation. Matt said that he heard some talk that [] was for discontinuing the SANS and Steve said he heard the same thing. On the other hand Matt said the Slovenes were co-operating nicely with the Congress local and that []

has been very active and that politically the Slovene leadership seems to be alright.

This concluded their discussion, Steve said he is going over to see [redacted] of the CC and that he would see Matt at the meeting at 4:00 P M. (I think this is a meeting of the local nationality Commission). --

Steve expects to be in Pittsburgh until Friday and then leave to attend the Croatian Council Conference in Cleveland on Sat. and Sunday.

Thats All.

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Roll Call Meeting of the Communist Party at the
K of P Hall, Arch St. N.S. -- April 19th Roll Call.
on the Fund Drive.

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The Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania had a roll call on the fund drive and at the roll call, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn was the principle speaker.

From the reports of the various clubs approximately 65% of the \$15,000 quota has been raised in Western Penna.

Some 100 persons attended and from the reports it was further indicated that 'party recruiting' in this area is on the upswing for the first time in many a day.

Speakers included [redacted]

[redacted] and Roy Hudson, Dist. Chairman.

[redacted] in his report mentioned his trip to New Castle and mentioned contacting a [redacted] up there who used to be a party member. He said [redacted] promised him to see what he could do on the Fund Drive and also ~~what he could~~ do what he could to get a branch started there.

Roy Hudson in his ~~xx~~ talk which consisted of calling the Roll and also making announcements announced that the [redacted] meeting scheduled by the AVC has been cancelled because [redacted] could not be here.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn dealt principally in her report with the various results being achieved in the Fund Drive. Mentioned writing to William Foster in Paris and also said that because of censorship it is impossible for Bill to write to us but that when he returns next week or the following week ~~xxx~~ she said "I am sure

he will have something worthwhile to report on the movement in Europe. She dealt at length with the Un-American Committee and the Dennis Contempt citation.

She criticized the FBI agents saying ~~that you~~ In dealing with the \$50,000,000 appropriation that Attorney General Tom Clark asked for to get the Communists out of government employment she said he can't get that money as easy as we got \$265,000. She said you don't catch any FBI agents giving their weeks pay up like our members give in the Fund Drive. This created some hearty laughter -- (may I say I enjoyed a good laugh myself).

She also dealt with the new wrinkle of the Un-American Committee where they are trying to get a law passed ~~declaring the~~ which would make every Communist a Foreign Agent. She pointed out that we have 80,000 members now and by the end of the year we will have 100,000 members -- none of whom will register as foreign agents so they can start putting them in jail and believe me that's going to be some job putting 100,000 people in jail.

She also raised Eugene Dennis to the degree of martyrdom and reported that he is going to tour the country.

She asked for and received an invitation from the W.P.A. district to tour the mining and steel areas. No time was set for the tour but evidently her desire to tour will be accepted.

Her speech concluded the meeting.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 4-28-47

FROM : J. T. MOULTY, SA

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT 67-113
DATED 4-24-47

Relevant information included in the above report has been placed in memoranda for appropriate files.

The attached report should be placed in file 67-2581.

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APR 28 1947
PITTSBURGH, PA.
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AMERICAN CROATIAN CONGRESS OF THE

CROATIAN COUNCIL -- CLEVELAND, OHIO

4/21/47

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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 4/19 - 4/20/47

Some 532 delegates attended the American Croatian Congress which was held at the Masonic Hall located at Euclid and 35th Sts.

Delegates came from many sections of the country with the bulk coming from the Western Pennsylvania, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and New York. Canada was also represented. The Croatian Fraternal Union was represented by some 173 delegates.

The basic organizational work for the conference was done in Pittsburgh and Cleveland in co-operation with the Nationality Committee of the Communist Party of USA.

New officers were elected for the Croatian Council as well as for the Croatian Women's Council.

I saw the following members of the Communist Party at the meeting. These are well known to me:

Steve Nelson, National Office

[REDACTED] CC

Steve Toyen, National Chairman

[REDACTED] Nat. Ch.

[REDACTED] Nat. Chas.

[REDACTED] Nat. Chas.

Matt Cvetic, Slav Congress

[REDACTED] Amer-Slav Print

[REDACTED] Amer-Slav Print

[REDACTED] Nat. Chas.

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[REDACTED] Croat. IWO NY

[REDACTED] Croatian IWO NY

[REDACTED] Detroit

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Most of the above took some active part in the meeting.

Senator Albert Thomas of Utah addressed the meeting but did make a typical speech with no political character -- left or right.

Leo Kryzcki also spoke and dealt largely with criticizing the forces in this country who are leading to war and also with those who are trying to destroy the labor movement. He gave one of his typical rabble-rousing speeches.

[redacted] who came in by plane with [redacted] and Matt Cvetic who I understand caught Flight no. 403 in Pgh. He stayed at the Statler Hotel. ~~FlawxxxxxxxWashxxxxx~~ Was scheduled to fly back to Washington, DC. on Sunday night on a flight leaving the Cleveland Airport at 8:25 P.M. Flight late.

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Heard a choice piece of gossip (this is Walter Winchell stuff) [redacted] is now in Cleveland getting a divorce from [redacted]. On the trip to the ~~Blagay~~ Belegarde she fell in love with [redacted] from St. Louis, Mo. and unless [redacted] is just kidding there may be an early wedding. I think [redacted] is taking it pretty tough.

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The mass meeting which was held on Sunday afternoon was attended by ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ by an audience which filled about 80% of the Hall. The collection according to [redacted] of Pittsburgh one of the officers of the CC amounted to \$5200.00.

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[redacted] chaired the Mass Meeting and pledge that the Croatian Council will raise \$6000 for the ^{American} Slav Congress this year (I think he said \$6000 - could have been \$60,000 but usually this kind of money hasn't been finding its way to the Slav Congress. [redacted] also attended the Conference - he is the Slovene leader - (National).

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Saw Steve Nelson carrying on a conversation with [redacted] of the Narodni Glasnik Paper in the lobby of the Hall for about an hour, Sunday Morning around 11:30 to 12:30 P.M.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 30, 1947

MEMO, SAC

RE: CNDI C-113

Attached hereto are reports and exhibits furnished by the above captioned informant. It is suggested that this memo, the attached reports as well as exhibits be placed in the master file on the informant.

It is to be noted that in connection with the last exhibit attached hereto concerning the Congress of American Women, the informant furnished two other letters, one of which is identical with the letter dated April 24, concerning this organization. These other two letters have been placed in the master file on the Congress of American Women.

LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON,
SA

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NATIONALITY COMMISSION OF THE COMMUNIST
PARTY OF WESTERN PENNA. Meeting at the office
of the IWO, Columbia Bldg. Fourth Ave., Pgh.
4:00 P.m. Tuesday April 15th. 1947

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The Nationality Commission of the Communist Party met in the
office of the IWO to discuss several important things with the follow-
ing present:

Steve Nelson, National Office,

[redacted] Narodni Glasnik,

[redacted] Slobodna, Rec

[redacted] Ludovy Dennik (I think)

[redacted] Ludovy Dennik

Matt Cvetic, Slav Congress

Roy Hudson, District Chairman

[redacted] Slovak IWO.

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After discussion in the meeting of which [redacted]
the following decisions were arrived at:

1. That a conference of the nationality comrades will be called for May 18th. Suggested place K of P Hall N.S.
2. That a minimum order of Wallaces Speech should be gotten by all the Nationality Groups. And the newspapers are to support Wallace and especially attack the newspapers which are attacking Wallace and threatening him with the ~~old~~ old law dealing with such situations
3. On the Slav Congress it was proposed that a meeting be held in the Bentleyville-Brownsville area and that the Slav Congress be continued but a thorough discussion around it be had shortly.
4. Send letters to Senators on the anti-labor bills - It was proposed by Nelson and Hudson that the Comrades concentrate on the Senate as they see little chance in the House and that attention also should be given the president when the bills come up for signing
5. Nelson suggested the Congress do something on the Polish Question - regarding the Western Boundary Question where some of the Countries (didn't say which) want to give part of Poland to Germany

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PENNA.
Meeting between Roy Hudson and
Matt Cvetic to discuss
Policy.

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On Thursday April 17th Roy Hudson and Matt Cvetic held a meeting in the office of the Communist Party to discuss policy. After a discussion in which Matt reported to Roy that the Raffle wasn't going too good since some of ~~the~~ ^{the comrades} ~~these~~ who took responsibility for the raffle were not fulfilling their responsibility. Roy said that by no means must the Congress be permitted to disintegrate or go back to the way it functioned before November 1946 as we have made some progress. The meeting which was held by the Nationality Commission on Tuesday was brought into the discussion and both Matt and Roy ~~agreed~~ ^{said} that the criticism raised by [redacted] at this meeting they did not agree with except to the degree where more organizational participation must be gotten. So Roy raised several questions. First that the Congress must be continued by all means but we must discuss "How to move organizations" - 2nd. To organize a real campaign around 1 or 2 issues and 3rd to discuss concretely Finances. For this purpose Roy suggested that next Thursday or Friday ~~night~~ evening April 24th or 25th a meeting of our comrades in the nationality group be called and these questions raised. Matt reported to Roy that he was in Johnstown yesterday and arranged to organize a Slav Congress Committee in that area. He said he met with [redacted] who told him that they had a meeting last week with [redacted] on the Fund Drive and that they discussed raising \$50 or more from ~~some~~ some of our people. Matt reported to Roy that he discussed this with [redacted] and that another meeting will be held this week and that he felt that a good size of money will be raised by the Comrades in Johnstown.

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That's all.

SLOVENIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (SANS)

[REDACTED] 4/17/47

Attached is a letter regarding the above organization. The letter sent by [REDACTED] tells in substance about a meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter #3 which will be held at the Slovenian Hall 57th on Friday night April 18th for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Convention which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on May 30th and 31st.

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SLOVENSKO AMERIŠKI NARODNI SVET
(Podružnica # 3)

Pittsburgh, Pa. 14. aprila

Cenjeni:

Ameriški Slovenci se bodo zopet zbrali na važni konvenciji Slovensko ameriškega narodnega sveta in sicer v Clevelandu, Ohio dne 30-31. maja t. l.

Pittsburški Slovenci smo bili vedno častno zastopani pri tej važni politični organizaciji. Imamo podružnico šte. 3, kar znači, da smo bili pionirji SANS. Toda vsled preobilega dela s zbiranjem obleke, živeža in denarja za Mladinsko bolnišnico, smo nekoliko zanemarili delova nje za SANS. Sedaj je spet čas, da se oklenemo tega dela, od katerega bomo imeli vsi enake koristi.

Prihodnja konvencija SANS bo zgodovinske važnosti. [] SANS, priporoča, da bi konvencija odobrila nove smernice, namreč da se v bodoče udejujemo in pečamo z ameriški problemi, da delujemo za mir in sodelovanje med vsemi narodi, da branimo svobodo in delavske pravice, ki so ogrožene. Znano vam je, da je republikanska večina v kongresu predložila 250 različnih zakonov proti organiziranemu delavstvu in ako bi bili samo nekateri teh sprejeti, bi bili takoj vsi prikrajšani na zlati svobodi in demokraciji. [] priporočilo je zelo umestno in vredno splošne podpore.

Pittsburška podružnica bi morala in ima pravico poslati 2 delegata. Obenem prosimo vse stare člane, da zopet obnovijo svojo letno članarino, to je za leto 1947, ki znaša samo \$2.00 letno.

Prihodnja seja naše podružnice se vrši v petek zvečer dne 18. aprila v Slov. Domu. Seja bo izvolila delegate in ukrenila vse kar spada k obnovitvi naše podružnice. Torej pridite k seji, da rešimo tudi to patrijotično dolžnost kakor smo v prošlosti.

Z bratskim pozdravom,

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMITTEE
TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF COMMUNISTS

April 20, 1947

Dear Comrade:

Your name was among those reported present when the roll was called Saturday nite by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn to check up on the standing of the District Fighting Fund Drive. We want to thank you personally for your response to the Party's appeal for a Fighting Fund to defend democracy, the rights of the Party, to insure the publication of the Worker, and to intensify our work in Western Pennsylvania.

The reports made by the clubs at the roll call show that up to the present our drive for \$15,000 is going ahead full speed. They showed that during the first four weeks we raised more money than has been raised in similar periods for years. This splendid showing was made possible by the immediate response of yourself and many other comrades and friends. The delegation from your club will inform you of the exact standing of each club.

You are one of those who has done his share in the first two thirds of the campaign. We are sure that you will pitch in to finish the job by the time Gene Dennis comes to town for the May 4th meeting. We know we can rely on you to help your club to reach all the other members and get them to meet their obligations as you have. Also, we are sure you will canvas your friends and sympathizers for contributions.

The good showing we are making in the Fund Drive makes it absolutely certain that the May Day Rally on May 4th can be an outstanding success -- IF EACH ONE OF US DOES THESE FEW SIMPLE BUT VERY IMPORTANT THINGS:

1. After you read this letter make a list of all your friends who you think can and should come to this meeting.
2. Make it your personal business to see each person, sell him a ticket and help him to arrange to attend the meeting.
3. Plan to sell at least 50% of your tickets by Sunday, April 27th, and turn in the money then to your club officers for all tickets sold.

We will be looking forward to seeing you and your friends at North Side Carnegie Music Hall, May 4th at 7:30 P.M.

Again, thanks for putting your shoulder to the wheel with the rest of us.

Comradely yours,

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
Roy Hudson

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMITTEE
TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF COMIUNISTS

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April 20, 1947

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Dear Comrade:

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn was in town Saturday nite to conduct a roll call. Representatives from every club in the District reported on the standing of their club - and how many comrades have responded up to date for the \$15,000 Fighting Fund to support the National campaign to defend the rights of the Party, to keep the Daily Worker on the job, and to increase the activities of the Party in Western Pennsylvania.

You will be glad to know that when the roll call was over it showed that in the first four weeks of the drive we raised more money than was raised in similar periods in previous drives. PEOPLE ARE RESPONDING TO THE DRIVE BECAUSE THEY ARE DETERMINED TO UPHOLD DEMOCRACY AND DEFEAT THOSE WHO WANT TO DEPRIVE THE PARTY OF ITS RIGHTS.

In the first four weeks of the drive thousands of dollars have been raised - even though all members of the Party and our friends have not yet turned in their contributions. It is clear than when every member has answered the roll call - when every friend has been reached - we will be able to reach our goal of \$15,000 by May 4th.

We are confident that you already plan to do your best and that we can rely upon hearing from you in the next two weeks. May we remind you however that you should think not only in terms of your own personal contribution, but also to be sure to reach those people you know personally who will contribute.

Finally, comrades, remember that Gene Dennis expects to see each one of us personally - and all the friends of the Party - at the mass meeting, Sunday May 4th, 7:30 P.M. at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall.

There is no doubt that this meeting can be a tremendous success if each one of us does these few simple but very important things:

1. After you read this letter make a list of all your friends who you think can and should come to this meeting.
2. Make it your personal business to see each person, sell him a ticket, and help him to arrange to attend the meeting.
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We are sure that when the final roll oall is made on May 4th you will be able to report that you did your best.

Comradely yours,

[redacted]
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
Roy Hudson

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[REDACTED] ARTICLE
MARCH ISSUE * POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

This is the article which is being
widely discussed and used by the
Communist Party - [REDACTED] 4/18/47

226 Bakowell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

April 17, 1947

TO ALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dear Comrade:

Have you read the article by [REDACTED] that appeared in the March issue of Political Affairs? This is the article that has created so much excitement in our Party because of the important Marxist contribution it has made in clarifying the very complicated world situation confronting us.

This article deserves special study. We are, therefore, devoting our next forum to a presentation and discussion of this article. Comrade [REDACTED] will make the presentation and all comrades are urged to come prepared with whatever questions they may have.

THE FORUM WILL BE HELD THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 24th, at 440 WOOD ST.,
at 8:00 SHARP.

There is only one request we make -- BE SURE TO READ LU TING YI'S
ARTICLE.

Comradely yours,

[REDACTED]
District Educational Committee

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Enclosed is a card I found in the wastebasket at ???? ---- It could be from Tony Minerich (Majnerich)

The ~~literature~~ literature account of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania is kept in [redacted] name according to [redacted]

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*Placed in Tony Minerich
file.*

CONGRESS OF AMERICAN WOMEN, WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION

affiliated with

Women's International Democratic Federation

PROVISIONAL
OFFICERS

Membership Committee

EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

NATIONAL OFFICERS:

(Partial list)

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April 24, 1947

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TO ALL MEMBERS, AFFILIATES AND BRANCHES----

TO CONTINUATIONS COMMITTEE----

On Monday, May 5, 1947 at 8 p.m., the Western Pennsylvania Division, Congress of American Women, will adopt by-laws, elect officers, and otherwise complete its organization in Western Pennsylvania.

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This meeting will be held at the YWCA, 2044 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh.

PLEASE COME EARLY. PREPARE TO PAY ALL OR PART OF YOUR 1947 DUES BEFORE THE MEETING OPENS SO THAT YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

The proposed draft of by-laws is enclosed for your convenience and study. Please bring it to the meeting with you.

Sincerely,

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COMING EVENTS: Thursday, May 1st, 1947 at 8:30 p.m....CAW
Booster Party at Kay Boys Club, 1908 Wylie Avenue.

International Bazaar, May 28th, Farmers Market,
East Liberty (rear Sear Roebuck). Phone your
contributions of rummage, handcraft, home-
cooked food, etc. to:

Lehigh 0694 or
Emerson 3963.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 30, 1947

MEMO, SAC

RE: Confidential Informant C-113

Attached are a report and an exhibit furnished by the informant. It is suggested that they be placed as one serial in the file on the informant.

Lawrence E. Thompson, SA

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RE7

LEO KRZYCKI

[REDACTED] ~~4/18/47~~
4/18/47

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Leo Krzycki had lunch with Matt Cvetic the Exec. Secy on the 2nd Floor of Kramers Rest. on Sixth Ave. near Liberty on Friday Afternoon April 18, 1947 at 1:35 P.M.

Leo did most of the talking and from where I sat ~~at~~ at the next table I heard him say the following:

"The Labor Leaders in this country have little understanding of what is transpiring. They have been down in Washington this week and last week trying to influence the Congress but they are wasting their time. (He compared their efforts to the efforts of ~~the~~ labor leaders trying to move Hitler). He said the labor leaders should realize that the only ~~way~~ way that labor will ever get their rights will be if they get political control. Take the [REDACTED] Co. or the [REDACTED] - with all your labor laws even this had no influence on the Companies they just told labor and the government to go to Hell and they got paid for it. (Pointed out the 900,000 subsidy paid to [REDACTED] and other considerations made to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]!" ~~He said~~ "Leo Krzycki expressed surprise that the Labor Leaders have not spoken up for Wallace. He said "if [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were alive some of the labor leaders would be certainly be called to time." He blamed this on Labor Leaders political ignorance of what is transpiring - tracing their action from the last election when according to Leo they "Sat it out!"

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~~Leo Krzycki~~ Leo Krzycki compared Henry Wallace to the leaders of the Revolution. Pointed out that they faced the same vicious attacks in their time and also ~~pointed~~ said that their

were business leaders in those days who switch their sentiment with the tide - Cited the time the British Armies took Philadelphia and how many of the Business Leaders swung away from the R what were termed the "Rebels" in those days.

He said he is attending a meeting tonight of Local #86 Amalgamated Clothing Workers tonight and then he is ~~thnough~~ in Pittsburgh. Said he had been here voluntarily, said he is off the payroll of the Amalgamated and also that ever since he had been in the Slav Congress the past five years or so lately he collected a \$100 the first expense money ever paid to him by the Congress. He mentioned that up to that time his expenses have been paid by the Amalgamated.

Said he received a wire from asking him to come to New York for their Conference on April 27th and he said he is going to New York for this Conference.

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On July 6th he is scheduled to be in Chicago, Ill

Has promised to come to Pittsburgh for a tour for the Amer. Slav Congress when such a tour can be arranged.

Have no information where he is going from Cleveland. In absence of any word - would presume he will return home.

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April 26th 1947

Dear Member:

The next regular meeting of the Lawrenceville Club will
be held at the home of [redacted]

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Our Club has raised over \$200 of its \$400 quota in the
Fund Drive and to insure maximum success we are requesting all our
members to re-double their efforts in the Fund Drive and to make a
special effort to come to Friday Nights meeting (MAY 2ND.), and
make a report to the Secretary.

Note that the meeting will be on Friday Night May 2nd.

Also to insure the success of the meeting scheduled for
Sunday May 4th our members are asked to put forth an extra effort
to sell tickets and get people to come to the meeting. I am
certain all our members do understand the importance of a good turnout
for this meeting.

Our club has sold a total of 35 tickets so far and this is
about a half of our quota of 75. Ticket money can also be turned
in at Fridays meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN.

Director, FBI

May 3, 1947

hzt SAC, Pittsburgh

COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A., DISTRICT 5
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
Bureau file #100-3-84
SECURITY MEASURES

On April 28, 1947, Confidential Informant C-113 advised that information had been received by him to the effect that no last names were to be mentioned at Communist Party headquarters.

On April 30, 1947, [redacted] advised that the leading functionaries in the District 5 headquarters office verified the above information by stating that meetings where last names would be mentioned would not be held at District 5 headquarters.

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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SAC, New York

May 3, 1947

SAC, Pittsburgh

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Enclosed herewith are:

1. A letter by [redacted] American Slav Congress, dated March 14, 1947, to "Members of the National Committee and State and City Committees," regarding Roosevelt memorial meetings to be held April 12 and 13, 1947.
2. Press release by the American Slav Congress dated March 14, 1947 at New York, entitled "Truman's Speech A Blow To The United Nations."
3. Memo dated March 17, 1947, by the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, entitled "Resolution On America's Present Foreign and Domestic Policy Passed in Executive Committee 13 Mar. 1947."
4. Mimeographed form dated March 17, 1947, at the offices of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, setting forth directions to the members concerning resolutions passed by the Executive Committee.
5. Press release issued March 14, 1947, by the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania.
6. Copy of the American Slav Congress Financial Report for 1946.

The above items are being enclosed for the information of the office of origin. These items were made available by Confidential Informant C-113 and one additional copy of each item is being retained in the Pittsburgh Office.

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Enclosures

Attached hereto are copies of the above enumerated items which are to be retained in the informant file of C-113. (67-2584) ✓
As noted from the above letter, copies have been furnished the office of origin.

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American Slav Congress

National Executive Office

205 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

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March 14, 1947

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TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND
STATE AND CITY COMMITTEES

Dear Friends:

After Truman's speech of March 12, the need for strengthening the fight for the return of America to the path of Roosevelt becomes more urgent. That speech should be a warning to all forward-looking Slavic Americans that our country is being dragged down the path of brutal imperialism which may lead to a third world war. Only the people of our country can prevent such a catastrophe. State and City Committees and affiliated organizations are urged to adopt resolutions similar to the one in the attached press release, and send them to their respective Congressmen and Senators.

Memorial meetings for Roosevelt can be of great value in bringing before our people the grave danger of the present un-American course of the Administration and the Republican Congress. In line with the decision of the National Committee in Pittsburgh, the National Executive Office urges all State and City Committees to organize Roosevelt memorial meetings on April 12 or 13 wherever possible. Such a meeting is already scheduled in Detroit, even though their state conference will be held on March 30.

That Slavic Americans respond to our calls for action was best demonstrated by the conference of our Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress in Pittsburgh February 23 and by the All Slav Music Festival in Chicago on March 2. In Pittsburgh over 500 delegates and almost as many visitors attended. The conference was addressed by the Mayor and received a special message from Philip Murray. Our own president Leo Krzycki spoke on the anti-labor drive in Congress. The conference was both a mass demonstration of the stand and the strength of the ASC of Western Pa. as well as a working conference with special decisions made for the future work of the organization. In a word, it was the most successful conference held by Slavic organizations in that city and state. In Chicago, about 1700 packed Amalgamated Hall. About \$1,100 was raised in the drive for financial supporters (Sustaining, Supporting and Contributing) to the work of the Congress.

We would like to hear from you on suggestions for the Roosevelt memorial meetings. The National Executive Office will be glad to help in any way possible.

Fraternally yours

Leo Krzycki
Leo Krzycki, President

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OFFICERS

President: LEO KRZYCKI

JOSEPH HELLMUTH, Polish

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NEWS

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

205 East 42nd Street • Room 1816
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE!

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TRUMAN'S SPEECH A BLOW TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, March 14, 1947: Protesting Truman's request to Congress for a \$400,000,000 appropriation for the Greek and Turkish regimes, the American Slav Congress in a message to the President characterized the unilateral action by our government as "first of all a blow to the United Nations. If the problems of Greece and Turkey are of international character, they should be handled in the spirit of the charter of the UN. By ignoring this body our country is delivering the most damaging blow to the spirit of international cooperation, without which no lasting peace can be achieved." The full text of the wire, which was signed by George Pirinsky, executive secretary, follows:

YOUR REQUEST TO CONGRESS FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000,000 TO HELP STRENGTHEN RULE OF PRESENT ANTI-DEMOCRATIC REGIMES IN GREECE AND TURKEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SHOCK ALL FORWARD-LOOKING AMERICANS AND ALL FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD WHO SUPPORTED POLICIES OF OUR LATE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

THIS COURSE OF UNILATERAL ACTION BY OUR GOVERNMENT IS FIRST OF ALL A BLOW TO THE UNITED NATIONS. IF PROBLEMS OF GREECE AND TURKEY ARE AS YOU SAY OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER AND IMPLICATIONS, THEY SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS. BY IGNORING AND IMPLYING THIS BODY TO BE IMPOTENT, OUR COUNTRY IS GIVING WORST EXAMPLE OF UNILATERALISM AND IS DELIVERING MOST DAMAGING BLOW TO THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITHOUT WHICH NO LASTING PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED.

IT IS AMAZING THAT YOU CAN CALL PRESENT GREECE A "DEMOCRATIC GREECE" WHEN EVERY FORWARD-LOOKING AMERICAN AND ENTIRE WORLD KNOW IT IS A MONARCHO-FASCIST GREECE.

TO ALIGN OUR COUNTRY WITH DECADENT MONARCHY OF GREECE AND STATESMEN OF TURKEY WHO COOPERATED WITH NAZI GERMANY IN THE WAR IS AN INSULT TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEAD SOLDIERS AND A BETRAYAL OF THE PRINCIPLES WE FOUGHT FOR IN THE GREAT WAR OF LIBERATION.

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OF SLAV DESCENT WHO LIKE ALL TRUE AMERICAN PATRIOTS WORKED DAY AND NIGHT TO HELP WIN THE WAR FAVOR HELP TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE WHO FOUGHT SO GALLANTLY FOR OUR COMMON VICTORY OVER THE AXIS AGGRESSORS. HOWEVER SUCH HELP THROUGH UNITED NATIONS SHOULD FIND EXPRESSION NOT IN STABILIZING A HATED REGIME IMPOSED BY FOREIGN ARMS BUT BY ENCOURAGING ALL DEMOCRATIC ANTI-FASCIST FORCES IN GREECE TO SET UP A TRULY DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND BY GIVING THEM FINANCIAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.

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17, March 1947

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PENNA.
1005 HERGER BUILDING, PITTSBURGH, 19, PA.
Phone: Atlantic 6958

RESOLUTION ON AMERICA'S PRESENT FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
POLICY PASSED IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 13 MAR. 1947

President Truman in his recent foreign policy speech proposed a \$400 million credit to Turkey and Greece to begin a series of gigantic loans and military aid to "stop communism". These financial ventures in reality indicate a desire for a re-birth of full fascism in Europe and the world. Turkey was not on our side in the past war, instead she sold thousands of tons of Chrome to Nazi Germany, and her military clique rules as harshly as does the Greek King whose regime rests on British pounds and bayonets. Aiding these two undemocratic governments has an objective with an 'oily touch', to hold the Middle East pools grabbed by English and American companies.

Before Congress is also a proposal of \$350 million in relief aid to countries in Europe, none of this money intended for nations such as Yugoslavia and Poland who fought valiantly for our cause. Wartime allies are further penalized by Mr. Herbert Hoover who proposed an additional \$500 million solely for relief of Germany, stating that aid to her comes first and that no other European should have a daily diet any greater than a German.

On the world front President Truman undermines the UNO by acting unilaterally without waiting for the assembly of nations to decide issues. On relief aid America scrapped UNRRA and obviously did it to prefer enemy countries to wartime allies, to prefer those whom Mr. Hoover considers friendly, using Germany as a measure. America through President Truman and Mr. Hoover is to turn to world conquest without regard for the UNO; they attempt to force the "American Century" upon the world to hold its people in bondage. England's Tories cannot do it and we are to underwrite their bankruptcy with dreams of greater empire.

Congress backs up the lead of Truman and Hoover in their world attacks by beginning to destroy democracy at home. Committee sessions are devoted to destruction of labor unions, the Supreme Court struck its blow against the miners, and now wild hysteria singles out the Communist Party through the mouth of a cabinet member Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach. Again the cry of "stop communism" is used to violate the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, to destroy the heritage of the spirit which guided the heroes of our American Revolution.

Furthermore, as an organization that believes in and defends American democracy and is affiliated to no political party we say that if the American principle of freedom of political opinion and elections, of free speech and assembly are to be callously violated, then the next step would be to sever relations with the governments of Slav peoples and other nations because they have by democratic vote elected Communists into their governments. Hand in hand, on the foreign and domestic policy, President Truman and his allies Hoover and Schwollenbach want to prepare America for World War III.

None of these plans are in the spirit of the late President's program for world peace. We demand a return to Franklin Delano Roosevelt's foreign and domestic policy and urge our nation's leaders to work with the UNO to aid the Greek people to establish democracy and say not a cent or gun should go to enemies of the people.

We call upon President Truman to honor the decisions of the Potsdam agreement guaranteeing the democratic rights of European peoples. We believe America's duty is to give unstinting support to help avoid starvation in Yugoslavia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and other Slav countries.

We stand in defense of our Constitution and Bill of Rights, the two great possessions of the American people won at huge cost in common blood and suffering.

To wipe away our democratic rights, to whip up a hue and cry under the guise of anti-Communism, to make the world hate America, to enslave peoples, all this is the familiar path of Hitler. He too, cried no less loudly, babbling of "Communists" and his road led to death and destruction. Over 1,000,000 Americans, dead, sick, wounded and missing are proof of this today.

As Americans we stand opposed, firmly and staunchly, to the pattern drawn by the 'triumvirate' Truman-Hoover-Schwollenbach; we support the Roosevelt policy and its present day spokesman Henry Agerd Wallace.

Matthew Cvetic, Executive Secretary

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*You Must
ACT Now*

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PA.
1005 BEEMER BLDG.,
PITTSBURGH, 19, Pa.
Phone: Atlantic 6958

17, March, 1947

The enclosed resolution passed by the Executive Committee on March 13th is for your information. We have already sent telegrams, letters, and press and radio releases.

IT IS NOW UP TO YOU!

FIRST, Send your own personal protest. SECOND, There must come word from every fraternal society, labor union, social club, veterans organization or from whatever group you belong. Letters and telegrams must flow now, if never before.

TELL IT TO CONGRESS! Remember to write the protest in your own words or if you pass a resolution -- write it in your own way. Let us know exactly what you have done.

The addresses of your congressmen are below. Pick out your representative in Congress write direct to him at Washington, D.C. and send a copy to his home.

President Harry S. Truman, White House, Washington, D.C.
U.S.Senator Edward Martin, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.
U.S.Senator Francis J. Myers, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.

			<u>Congressional Dist.</u>
<u>Allegheny County</u>			
John McDowell	2120 Wm. Penn Highway,	Pittsburgh 21,	29
Robert J. Corbett	64 N. Euclid Ave.	Pittsburgh	30
James G. Fulton	2850 Espy Street,	Pittsburgh	31
Herman P. Berharter	3408 Parkview Ave.	Pittsburgh	32
Frank Buchanan	1121 Washington St.	Pittsburgh	33
<u>Armstrong, Indiana and Cembria Counties</u>			
Harve Tibbott		Ebensburg	26
<u>Beaver, Butler and Lawrence Counties</u>			
Louis E. Graham		Beaver	25
<u>Blair, Clearfield Counties</u>			
James E. Van Zandt,	1017 - 18th Avenue	Altoona	22
<u>Clerion, Jefferson, Forest and Venango Counties</u>			
Leon H. Gavin	314 Innis St.,	Oil City	19
<u>Fayette County and Somerset County</u>			
William J. Crow	127 N. Galletin Ave.	Uniontown	23
<u>Greene & Washington Counties</u>			
Thomas E. Morgen		Fredericktown	24
<u>Mercer County</u>			
Cerroll D. Kearns	818 Park Ave.	Farrell	28
<u>Westmoreland County</u>			
Augustin B. Kelley	231 Westmoreland Ave.	Greensburg	27

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American Slav Congress of Western Penna.
1005 Berger Building,
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

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March 14, 1947

- IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE -

The American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, through its 200,000 members in a statement from its Pittsburgh office, called upon all Americans to support Henry A. Wallace's stand on Foreign Policy. The Executive Committee said:

"Henry A. Wallace reaffirmed the late President Roosevelt's peace policy and pointed out the imperialistic and warmaking nature of President Truman's speech. We have always fought for the policy of the late President and supported those who want lasting world peace based on friendship with all nations.

"Victory in the past war was achieved through Big Three unity with agreements at Tøheran, Yalta and Potsdam. President Truman's policy is reminiscent of what Hitler tried to do during the war to split the allies."

COPY

Wire to President Truman:

President Harry S. Truman,
White House,
Washington, D.C.

YOUR SPEECH BEFORE BOTH HOUSES ON FOREIGN POLICY IS ALARMING FOR ITS DISTORTED CONTENT. YOU HAVE FORSAKEN THE POLICY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT AND ARE THUMPING FOR WAR. WHY SHOW CONCERN FOR TURKEY WHICH WAS ON THE SIDELINES IN THE PAST WAR AND HELPED GERMANY? WHY SUPPORT A GREEK GOVERNMENT WHICH YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE PUBLICLY SAID WAS UNDEMOCRATIC? THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE WORLD WANT PEACE AND PROSPERITY NOT GUNS TANKS AND MORE BLOODSHED.

Executive Committee,
American Slav Congress of Western Pa.
1005 Berger Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

COPY

Wires to United States Senators and Congressmen from Western Pennsylvania.

THE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS IN PITTSBURGH REPRESENTING 200,000 AMERICANS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA OPPOSES THE PRESIDENT'S STAND ON FOREIGN POLICY. WE STAND WITH HENRY A. WALLACE. WHERE DO YOU STAND? TO SUPPORT AN ALLY OF GERMANY LIKE TURKEY AND AN UNDEMOCRATIC GREEK GOVERNMENT MAKES FOR WAR. OUR MEMBERSHIP ASKS FOR YOUR ANSWER.

Executive Committee,
American Slav Congress of Western Penna.
1005 Berger Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR 1946

Read from 2/20/47 at V.A. W.C.

[Redacted]
Certified Public Accountants
[Redacted]
New York 22, N.Y.

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January 28, 1947

The National Committee
American Slav Congress
205 East 42nd Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

We have audited the books and records of the Congress for the year 1946, and we are pleased to submit herewith the following:

EXHIBIT "A" - Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at December 31, 1946

EXHIBIT "B" - Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Year 1946

EXHIBIT "C" - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Year 1946

Schedule "A - 1" - Loans Receivable

Schedule "A - 2" - Taxes and Expenses Payable

C O M M E N T S

EXHIBIT "A" - BALANCE SHEET

This Exhibit shows the financial status of your organization as at the close of the year 1946. It is to be noted, however, that certain bills for expenses incurred during the year have not been received and are not reflected herein.

EXHIBIT "B" - STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

The income for the year was \$73,362.05 and the expenses totaled \$62,947.55, leaving \$10,414.50 to be added to the Surplus (see Exhibit "A"). The addition to surplus would be reduced by the amount of unpaid bills not shown in the Balance Sheet.

EXHIBIT "C" - STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

This statement shows the deposits to and withdrawals from the bank account of the organization.

In our previous annual report, we pointed out various matters that needed attention, such as the compliance with Internal Revenue laws, etc. We are pleased to report that the required tax returns were prepared and filed. Records were adequately kept, and we had the cooperation of your office personnel in making our audit.

(Signed) [Redacted]

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at December 31, 1946

A S S E T S

Cash in Bank and on Hand	\$12,409.68	
Loans Receivable-per Schedule "A-1"	1,300.00	
Office Furniture and Fixtures	<u>1,144.94</u>	
 TOTAL ASSETS		 \$14,854.62

L I A B I L I T I E S

Loans Payable: Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union	\$ 1,000.00	
Taxes and Expenses Payable - per Schedule "A-2"	<u>1,538.31</u>	
 TOTAL LIABILITIES		 <u>2,538.31</u>

S U R P L U S

Surplus at Jan. 1, 1946	\$2,551.81		
Less Loans Receivable	<u>650.00</u>		
		\$ 1,901.81	
Add: Excess of Income Over Expenses		<u>10,414.50</u>	
 TOTAL SURPLUS			 \$12,316.31

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Schedule "A-1"

Loans Receivable
As at December 31, 1946

ASC of Western Pennsylvania	\$ 500.00	
Delegate to Belgrade Congress	800.00	
Total	<u>\$1,300.00</u>	

Schedule "A-2"

Taxes and Expenses Payable

Bardur Realty Co.	\$ 12.39	
New York Telephone Co.	125.00	
	364.23	
Underwood Co.	2.50	
Gensup Stationery Co.	6.92	
Advance Printing Co.	192.18	
American Cable Co.	21.80	
Western Union Co.	20.40	
	200.00	
Social Security	\$ 58.99	
Tax on Tickets	95.70	
Withholding Tax	<u>433.20</u>	
		<u>587.89</u>
Total		\$1,538.31

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Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Year 1946

Income

Third Congress:		
Contributions	\$30,789.98	
Registrations	3,691.00	
Advertising, Souvenir Journal	5,110.53	
Greetings, Souvenir Journal	1,197.45	
Tickets, Rally	17,287.86	\$58,076.82
Testimonial Dinner:		
Reservations	4,410.50	
Contributions	4,540.25	8,950.75
Contributions		3,319.00
Pamphlets and Books		1,335.66
Contributions - UNRRA Campaign		617.45
Membership Campaign (old)		448.25
N.Y. Committee, for rent and expenses		614.12
Total Income		\$73,362.05

Expenses

Wages	\$12,754.93
Third Congress Expenses (partial)	20,552.82
Traveling Expenses (plus 3rd ASC exp.)	3,967.13
Rent	1,360.00
Electricity	88.09
Telephone, Telegrams and Cables (3rd ASC also)	1,970.86
Messenger Services (including 3rd ASC)	97.13
Dues and Subscriptions	580.65
Books and Pamphlets	1,627.05
Office Expenses	153.87
Dinner Expenses	5,131.60
Petty Cash, postage	871.28
Meeting Rooms (incl. 3rd ASC)	118.25
Social Security	135.44
Contributions to Other Organizations	125.00
NY Committee, Share 3rd ASC	1,000.00
Professional Fees	800.00
Records	27.61
Photographs	96.11
Stationery, Printing, Mailing (including 3rd ASC)	11,210.54
Publicity	100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	83.49
Tax on Tickets	95.70
Total Expenses	62,947.55
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$10,414.50

Statement of Receipts
For the Year 1946

Third Congress:	
Contributions	\$30,789.98
Registrations	3,691.00
Advertising, Souvenir Journal	5,110.53
Greetings, " "	1,197.45
Tickets, Rally	17,287.86
Dinner Reservations	4,410.50
Dinner Contributions	4,540.25
Contributions	3,461.00
Pamphlets and Books	1,335.66
Contributions-UNRRA Campaign	617.45
Membership Campaign (old)	468.25
Rent and other expenses refunded by NY Comm.	614.12
Refund of Traveling Expenses	2,236.41
Refund of Stationery	204.75
Exchange:	
N.G. Checks	82.00
Leo Krzycki	66.30
P.A.C.	25.00
Cash	34.40
American Express	1,000.00
Photographs	6.50
Borrowed from	2,000.00
Delegates Expenses	206.25
Social Security	5.00
Loans Receivable - 	25.00
Total	\$79,415.66
Employees Withholding & Social Security	<u>1,633.77</u>
Total Receipts	\$81,049.43
Balance in Bank & On Hand at Jan. 1, 1946	<u>2,595.28</u>
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR -	\$83,644.71

Statement of Disbursements
For the Year 1946

Wages	\$12,754.93
Mailing, Printing and Stationery	10,851.96
Rent	1,360.00
Electricity	75.70
Telephone, Telegrams and Cables	1,803.66
Messenger Services	97.13
Traveling Expenses	6,409.79
Dues and Subscriptions	575.65
Books and Pamphlets	1,627.05
Office Expense	151.37
Dinner Expenses	5,131.60
Third Congress Expenses	20,552.82
Petty Cash & Postage	871.28
Meeting Rooms	118.25
Withholding Tax	1,214.50
Social Security	204.02
Refund of Contributions	67.00
Contributions to Other Organizations	125.00
New York Committee, Share 3rd ASC	1,000.00
Professional Fees	600.00
Exchanges:	
N.G. Checks	82.00
L. Krzycki	66.30
P.A.C.	25.00
Cash	34.40
American Express Co.	1,000.00
Loans Repaid to	2,000.00
Loan to delegate to Belgrade Congress	800.00
Loan Receivable - ASC of Western Penna.	500.00
Reimbursement of Membership Dues	20.00
Records	27.61
Furniture and Fixtures Purchased	726.91
Photographs	102.61
Publicity	100.00
N.G. Checks - Not reimbursed	75.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	83.49
Total Disbursements	\$71,235.03
Balance in Bank & On Hand at Dec. 31, 1946	12,409.68
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR	\$83,644.71

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
May 3, 1947

MEMO, SAC.

RE: TONY MINERICH
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

On April 26, 1947, Confidential Informant C-113 furnished the writer with a specimen of the Subject's handwriting.

It is suggested that this specimen be placed in the exhibit envelope of this file (100-1197).

LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON
SA

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cc 67-2584

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: FBI WA 0711

FBI PITTSBURGH

5/12/47

DIRECTOR URGENT

RE MATTHEW CVETIC, CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT C DASH
ONE ONE THREE, BUFILE SIXTY SIX DASH TWO FIVE FOUR TWO. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] JUGOSLAV CONSUL AT PITTSBURGH HAS OFFERED C DASH ONE ONE
THREE POSITION AS QUOTE LIAISON MAN UNQUOTE AT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS
A MONTH AT JUGOSLAV CONSULATE, NEW YORK CITY. DUTIES WILL BE TO
HANDLE PROBLEMS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO COME TO CONSULATE REQUESTING
SERVICES OR ADVICE. IF IN NEW YORK, C ONE ONE THREE WOULD AFFILIATE
HIMSELF WITH NATIONAL OFFICES OF AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, UNITED
COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAVIC AMERICANS, AND POSSIBLY WITH NATIONAL
HEADQUARTERS OF COMMUNIST PARTY. C ONE ONE THREE HAS ADVISED
[REDACTED] THAT HE WILL CONSIDER OFFER AND [REDACTED] IS REFERRING
C ONE ONE THREES APPOINTMENT TO THE NEW YORK CONSULATE FOR CONSIDERATION.
PLEASE ADVISE PITTSBURGH OFFICE OF BUREAUS DESIRES IN EVENT SITUATION
DEVELOPS THAT C ONE ONE THREE MAY TAKE POSITION.

FLETCHER

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TO BE CODED

Approved: 207
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 12¹⁶ P.M. Per JK

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
May 13, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

Re: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

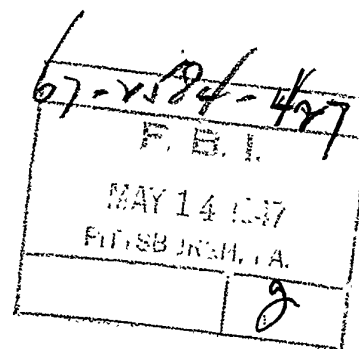
Attached hereto are three reports and one exhibit
furnished by confidential informant C-113. Appropriate
memoranda have been placed in individual files and it is
recommended that the attached be filed in 67-2584.

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Remarks by Ambassador of Yugoslavia

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[redacted] spoke at a meeting in the Lithuania Hall located in the 1700 Block of Jane St. Southside on Sunday afternoon Feb 2, 1947.

The meeting was sponsored by the Serbian War Orphans Relief Committee.

He started to speak at approximately 5:00 P.M. and was through at 5:45.

His entire speech was strictly political in nature and in no wise and in no part thereof dealt with anything relating to Relief Work.

Quoting one or two of his remarks (he spoke in Serbian) "80% of the newspapers in this country were against Roosevelt so it stands to reason then that more than 80% of the press in this country would be against Yugoslavia!" Quote: Do you know why the reactionaries in

this country are opposed to the government in Yugoslavia? ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Not because they are worried about Yugoslavia, but ~~this~~ because through fighting Yugoslavia they are fighting the Soviet Union!" His speech

dealt with the political aspects in New Yugoslavia. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

In discussing democracy he said ~~this~~ and quote: The middle of the road people who are considered democratic and stand in the middle of that which is fascism on the right and Communism on the left during

Hitler's rise to power ~~this~~ some of them swung to fascism -- today the middle of the road people are learning of a new democratic way and are

moving toward a coalition with communism (this last is not an exact

quotation but from the translation he indicated that ^{average} people are more inclined to lean toward Communism in its rise to power today whereas several years back they went to and fascism).

Others present at the meeting were: [redacted]

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[redacted] (he left before the Ambassador started to speak)

[redacted] (Yugoslav Consul) -----

[redacted] TOUR

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[redacted] is here again to stay until the end of the month to help in the registration and recruiting work for the National office. Meetings are being scheduled throughout the district. He has already covered a meeting in McKeesport and for 2/8 and 2/9 he is scheduled for Johnstown, Pa. and surround area. Heard [redacted] say that the National office has sent out 8 or 9 of the old timers for the purpose of revitalizing the party in those districts where it has been rather dormant since the war. He went to McKees Rocks tonight 2/7/47 to see [redacted] - He was to pick Matt up at 7:00 P.M. in front of the party office.

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As I understand that they went to McKees Rocks and there saw [redacted] From what [redacted] said they arranged to have a meeting of the McKees Rocks comrade for Sunday morning 2/15/47 and that [redacted] is to find a place to hold such a meeting. He also said that [redacted] has applied for a passport to go to Yugoslavia - That [redacted] wants to buy some machinery here and take it with him to Yugoslavia and also that he expects to leave sometime in June or July and stay there.

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Carpathian Club	2486 Toner Ave.	Pgh., Pa.
Slavonic Social Club	212-11th St.	Pgh., Pa.
Ukrainian Beneficial Union	36 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. 11th St.	S. S. Pgh., Pa.
Ukrainian Citizen's Club	3008 Preble Ave.	N. S. Pgh., Pa.

MINISTERS AND PRIESTS

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Ukrainian Citizen's
Club

302 Jane St.

Carnegie, Pa.

Ukrainian Political
Benef. Ass'n.

213 Schoonmaker

Monessen, Pa.

Ukr. Literary Benef.
Ass'n.

Mike Zawinsky

57 Schoonmaker

Monessen, Pa.

REVERENDS OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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LODGES OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION
"PROVIDENCE"

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LODGES OF UKRAINIAN WORKINGMEN'S ASS'N. IN W. PA.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 18, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

RE: 67-7584

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By reports dated March 31 and April 1, 1947, [redacted] furnished the following information concerning a District Committee meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 708 Arch Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, March 30, 1947.

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There were approximately 50 persons in attendance at the meeting, a large majority of them being members of the District Committee [redacted] who has assumed the duties of [redacted]

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ROY HUDSON, Chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, delivered the opening address. He stated that the Communist Party was in danger and that it might be outlawed; that the forces of reaction are determined to destroy the labor unions in America by outlawing the Party. HUDSON claimed that despite the charges being made against the Party, the communists were making progress.

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[redacted] communist functionary from Homestead, Pennsylvania, stated that capitalist America would never be able to wage a successful war on the Soviet Union as long as the labor unions remained strong, inasmuch as the American workers would not fight Russia. He concluded that capitalism must therefore smash the labor unions before they can start a war with Russia.

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MATT CVETIC, Communist Party functionary in Pittsburgh, announced that the All-Slav Congress would meet in Pittsburgh on April 13.

[redacted] of District Council #6, UERMWA-CIO, criticized PHIL MURRAY and JOHN L. LEWIS for the way they were conducting steel and miners' wage negotiations. He stated that the Roman Catholic Church had captured the leadership of the United Steelworkers, but that they would fail in their attempt to do the same in the UE.

PHIL BART, Chairman of the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania, urged those in attendance to work hard to raise the necessary money for the Communist Party Defense Fund.

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Memo, SAC

April 18, 1947

[redacted] announced that the IWO had at last become a political organization and that it would be of great help to the Communist Party. It was also announced that a rally featuring EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the USA, would be held in Pittsburgh on May 4, 1947.

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[redacted] of Washington County, spoke briefly and to the effect that union members in all industries should support JOHN L. LEWIS and the United Mine Workers of America during the mourning period ordered by LEWIS for the dead miners at Centralia, Illinois.

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It was the general consensus at the meeting that JOHN L. LEWIS was entitled to praise for his courage in ordering the mourning period.

[redacted] Communist Party functionary in Pittsburgh, and an employee of [redacted] stated that he would urge the workers at [redacted] to stage a sympathy demonstration in support of the miners. [redacted] further stated that he had been reliably informed that an agent of the FBI was posting notices of the names of communists in every plant in this section. He contended that the FBI was, of course, doing a lot of guess work as to just who were communists. He urged that Communist Party members expose the FBI as strike breakers and stooges for the steel mills. Thereafter, the District Committee instructed [redacted] to prepare a leaflet which is to be critical of the FBI and which is to reveal that agency as a stooge for big business..

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Informant advised that [redacted] had been placed in charge of a Communist Party Defense Fund Campaign in the Western Pennsylvania area.

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Informant further advised that shortly before the District Committee meeting convened, [redacted] had told him that according to the new Party records, every Party member in a unit will be assigned a specific number. No names are to be used. The old records are to be destroyed. Informant interprets the above instructions as being an indication that the Party may go underground some time in the future.

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JAMES T. MOONEY
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Memo, SAC

April 18, 1947

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100-1193 - 
100-1194 - 
100-293 - 
100-5686 - (ROY HUDSON)
100-1080 - 
100-8551 - 
67-2584 - (C-113)
100-8519 - 
100-2390 - 
100-3463 - (UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA)
100-3617 - (UERMWA)
100-157 - (INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER)

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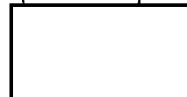
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
May 12, 1947

MEMO, SAC

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

On May 5, 1947, G-113 advised Special Agent [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that subject is single and resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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JOSEPH J. O'NEILL
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 6, 1947

MEMO, SAC.

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

Attached hereto are three informant reports and one exhibit furnished by Confidential Informant C-113. Appropriate memoranda have been designated for other files and it is recommended that this memo with the attached reports and exhibit be filed in informant's file.

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JUN 6 1947	
PITTSBURGH, PA.	
	<i>[Signature]</i>

MEETING OF THE CITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE

COMMUNIST PARTY - OFFICE OF THE BAKEWELL

BLDG WEDNESDAY MAY 14TH 1947 - 8:00 P.M.

[REDACTED] 4/15/47

The regular meeting of the City Exec. which was scheduled for [REDACTED] Studio on Wood St. was held instead in the office of the Communist Party due to some misunderstanding on the parts of [REDACTED] on the arrangements for the Studio.

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The following attended:

[REDACTED]

Matt Cvetic

[REDACTED] (N.S.)

???? ???? (Students)

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The meeting was taken up with a report on the Veterans Encampment, a report on Party Building on which three Clubs, the Students, the Crucible and ~~XXXXXX gave XXXXX report~~ and Penn Twp. gave special reports.

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In the reports [REDACTED] criticized the City Organizations for its lack of help in the Drive in his Penn Twp. Club; the Student representative (young Jewish fellow - husky - wearing glasses - fairly heavy beard) - (probably from Univ. of Pgh) said that originally they organized with some 8 members most of them from out of town and were able to recruit some 6 locally -- that this was not very many for a University with 15,000 enrollment -- said they had organized a leaflet distribution but that this was in the name of the CP or WPA and stressed that further party building possibilities there could

only be done if some activities are carried on in the name of the local Student Branch. This he said is being done with a class being organized with some 4 or 5 sympathizers being invited.

On the Crucible Report [] reported on the activities of the ACTU within their union and the attacks on the Communist Party by them. [] also dealt with the ACTU - [] especially came in for severe criticism.

[] (name not certain) from the Professional Club said his Club ~~severely~~ criticized the Dennis Meeting on the basis of the way it was conducted -

[] in his report gave a detailed account of what happened at the Veterans encampment.

Dave Grant then came forth with several proposals --

He asked that messages of support be sent to Local 22 FTA CIO 247- N. Main St. Winston-Salem, N.C. on their strike and where possible also contributions be sent to them. --

He said we should also support the National Convention of the Allied ~~Negro~~ Negro ????? in New York City -- He said locally we don't have anyone in the local committee of this group but we soon hope to have -- He wasn't too specific even that there was a local committee organized.

During the meeting it was reported that approximately 12 were recruited into the party in the last three months, in this District.

A Current report of the Fund Drive is enclosed.

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

5/23/47

Mat Cvetic, the Exec. Secy of the Slav Congress in Western Penna. met with [] in our Office this afternoon around 3:30 P.M. to discuss Slav Congress plans.

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Mat met first with [] and he told [] that [] is coming to Pittsburgh Sunday for the Slav Congress meeting in the Mayfair Hotel and that he would stay over on Monday and Tuesday. [] said that Roy already has a note on his calendar about having a nationality commission meeting with [] on Monday. Mat gave [] a detailed report on the work of the Congress and [] asked Matt what the reaction ~~of the~~ is toward Communists in the Congress. Mat said the policy of the Congress is to work with all regardless of political or religious belief -- he said once in a while some of the members red-bait but in the whole there is a willingness on the parts of most members to work with Communists. [] said "I asked because I wonder what the reaction would be if I got elected to some minor office in the Slav Congress in Washington County. Matt said that it should ~~be~~ work out ~~the right~~ alright same as it does here. The result of the discussion was that next Monday or Tuesday when [] is here they would get together and have a discussion of the Slav Congress Work -- Both agreed the Slav Congress could play a major role in the '48 Elections.

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Next Mat met with [] told Mat that the Congress should make efforts to get together delegations to visit ~~Corbett and~~ Congressman Corbett and Fulton to try to get them to vote against the anti-labor bills. [] said the program calls for cards and letters.

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in addition to getting people to visit ~~with~~ public officials and civic groups to get them to speak up against the anti-labor bills - he mentioned New Kensington, which has a Republican administration as a good example.

[] said that there would be a meeting of UE, Congress, other Trade Union and Progressive forces to organize the drive against the anti-labor bills. He said the drive would be spearheaded by the UE and that other groups like the Slav Congress and other progressive groups would join in the drive. This meeting will be called for sometime Monday - He told Mat Roy would call him and let him know what time.

[] also pointed out a writeup to Mat in the Courier which carried the Slav Congress release on the fight against the anti-labor bills.

Thats All.

NOTE: [] IS ARRIVING BY PLANE SUNDAY AND EXPECTS TO SPEND SUNDAY MONDAY AND TUESDAY HERE.

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American Slav Congress - Communist Party Activity - [redacted] 4/15 47

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A committee of four met in the office of the IWO on ~~Tuesday~~ Wed. 4/14 P.M. 4 o'clock to discuss organizational plans for the Congress and also to plan for the 25th meeting in the Mayfair Hotel.

Attending the meeting were:

[redacted]

Arthur Bartl

[redacted]

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Matt Cvetich

They discussed the organizational plans for the future and came to the following conclusions

- 1st. to call a conference of two or three of the large slav groups - Croatian, Slovak, Serbian or Slovenes to discuss their participation in Slav Congress
- 2nd. to organize committees in several towns - Alliquippa, Ambridge, Johnstown, Uniontown, E.Pgh. and two or three other towns (to be definitely decided later)
- 3rd. to work out plans for financing the Congress.
- 4th. To bring the raffle to a successful conclusion.
- 5th. to plan a tour for Leo Krzycki. --

Arthur Bartl just returned from New York where he attended a six week school course -- 10 hrs. a day --

- ROLL CALL -

4/17/47

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Issued By The Western Penna. Committee For Constitutional Rights Of Communists

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

A double-barreled reply to the enemies of democracy in America was given by the Party membership in Western Pennsylvania on May 4th. At the May Day Rally there were over 1000 people in Carnegie Hall to raise their voices in support of the Party's rights and program; and the Fighting Fund was up to \$10,560! Thus the Fund Drive brought in a larger amount of money than had been raised in a similar period for years, and we also had a larger meeting than we have had in the last two years. These results show that the Party can meet the attacks of reaction --- and that we can rely upon the active support of many non-Communists. Thus the first round of the fight shows that the Party is not isolated and intimidated --- and that the people can be won to defeat the reactionary program of Big Business.

The decisive thing that made these results possible was the understanding of the Party membership, their splendid spirit of self-sacrifice and willingness to fight and work harder than ever. All the Party members who pitched into the fight have done a fine job and can be proud of the fact that we have met our financial obligations to the Fighting Fund and the Worker Drive 100%.

The end of the Fighting Fund Drive on a District scale shows that we reached our goal politically. By the time we get final reports from every club we will have reached our financial goal. The majority of clubs have reached their quotas or are close to them. These quotas in most cases were not minimum, but maximum quotas. \$11,075 has been turned in to the office at this date.

The full \$15,000 was not reached by May 4th mainly because a number of clubs, especially in mining and food, were confronted with specific difficulties. When you read the record of each club you will see that a number of clubs have done an outstanding job. In Washington County over \$1,000 has been raised, even tho the mining comrades were on strike for 2 weeks during this period. The Section has requested an extension of time so that it can reach its goal. If other clubs which had difficulties in the early part of the campaign approach the remainder of their job with the same spirit and determination as the comrades in Washington County and food we will surely go over the top.

We have real possibilities for building the Party! With the same spirit shown at the May Day Rally, let's now go about making an organized effort to bring hundreds of new members into the Party!

HOW ABOUT A PERMANENT FIGHTING FUND?

One morning a man of 79 made a special trip to the Party office to shake hands with "that man who was on the air last nite" as he put it, because he liked what "that man" had said.

We were able to put on these broadcasts because our comrades did such a splendid job of raising money for the Fighting Fund. This money meets the emergency and meets part of the District Budget for the year. If we were in a position to broadcast regularly, same time, same station, for a period of weeks, many thousands of workers would be reached with our program. REGULAR BROADCASTS, REGULAR DISTRIBUTIONS, REGULAR MEETINGS ---- these can accomplish far better results than irregular, emergency affairs.

The working-class has a permanent enemy -- the capitalist class -- until Socialism is established. It takes a permanent fighting fund to wage a consistent struggle against a permanent enemy. A permanent fighting fund, with each club responsible for a definite amount each month would help solve many of our political and financial problems.

The experience of at least one club shows that it can be done. The East Pgh. Club, on its own initiative, undertook to contribute \$100 each month to the District sustaining fund. The Executive Committee proposed an arrangement of asking the members for 2 hours pay per month for the Fund, strictly on a voluntary basis. Some comrades pledged even more. One group of comrades who work together figured out a plan similar to withholding tax -- a certain percentage of the weekly income with allowances for dependents. The Club had contributed its \$100 each month for 6 months when the Fighting Fund started.

Similar plans could be worked out now to establish a permanent fighting fund in every club.

Roll 4/15/47 at Pgh
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fighting fund drive

Based on Returns as of Monday, May 12th, 1947

PITTSBURGH -

Squirrel Hill	\$1175.00	
Professional	735.00	
South Side	600.00	
Food	527.00	
North Side	505.25	
Hill	500.25	
East End	281.50	
Students	264.50	
Lawrenceville	247.00	
Penn Township	178.00	
J & L	165.00	
Crucible	88.50	
Hazelwood	32.00	
At Large	70.00	
Miscellaneous	68.00	
TOTAL - PITTSBURGH	\$5437.00	\$5,437.00

EAST PITTSBURGH -

Electric	1109.50	
Serbian	196.00	
Wilmerding	60.00	
Women	50.00	
Miscellaneous	30.00	
TOTAL - EAST PITTSBURGH	\$1445.50	\$1,445.50

WASHINGTON -

Bentleyville	273.00	
California	258.00	
Washington	232.50	
Cannonsburg	204.50	
Monroeville	108.00	
Clarksville	62.00	
Cowdalo	26.00	
TOTAL - WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$1164.00	\$1,164.00

STEEL -

Homestead	286.00	
McKeesport	209.50	
Duquesne	89.00	
TOTAL - STEEL	\$584.50	584.50

OUT OF TOWN -

Erie	350.00	
New Kensington	340.00	
Farrell	335.00	
Rural Ridge	167.00	
Springdale	143.00	
Johnstown	100.00	
Joannetto	55.00	
Aliquippa	10.00	
Slovaks	67.50	
Croatians	359.00	
Ukrainians	81.50	
TOTAL - OUT OF TOWN	\$1898.00	\$1,898.00

TOTAL TURNED IN BY CLUBS	\$10,529.00
Collection at May Day Rally	546.00
TOTAL - WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA	\$11,075.00

NOTE: \$110 turned in by Serbians distributed as follows: ---
 South Side - \$75, North Side - \$25, Professional - \$10

Dear Sir:

I wish to register my protest against the persecution of all those who have challenged the authority and purpose of the Thomas-Rankin House Committee on Un-American Activities.

I strongly urge you to free all the Committee victims by dropping the prosecutions or releasing those already convicted in an atmosphere of hysteria: Dr. Edward Barsky, Herman Shumlin, Howard Fast, Prof. Lyman Bradley, Helen Bryan and the other 13 members of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; Gerhart Eisler, Eugene Dennis, Leon Josephson, Rev. Richard Morford and George Marshall.

[Redacted] 7/14/47

(Name)

(Issued by the Civil Rights Congress)

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



HONORABLE TOM C. CLARK

U. S. Attorney General

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Director, FBI

June 11, 1947

SAC, Pittsburgh

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT C-113

(Bureau file 66-2542)

Reference is made to the teletype from Pittsburgh to the Bureau dated 5-12-47 and teletype from the Bureau to Pittsburgh dated 5-21-47 in reference to CVETIC's appointment to a position in the Yugoslav Consulate, New York City.

C-113 has advised that since the original discussion concerning the position with [redacted] Yugoslav Consul at Pittsburgh, he has heard nothing further concerning the offer and he presumes that it is still under consideration. For security reasons C-113 does not deem it advisable to make inquiry concerning the position until the offer is again mentioned by [redacted]

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In the event of further developments in this matter the Bureau will be immediately advised.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 10, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

Re: Confidential Informant C-113

Informant C-113 furnished the following information:

For the period of the past week considerable discussion has taken place between [redacted] MATT CVETIC, [redacted] and ROY HUDSON, for the purpose of determining where CVETIC and [redacted] will work. [redacted] was offered a job [redacted] the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief in New York (now filled by NAT EINHORN). ROY HUDSON and [redacted] wanted [redacted] to remain in Pittsburgh, but [redacted] and one other person from New York have asked [redacted] to come to New York and have insisted upon an immediate decision. At a meeting between the four above mentioned persons, CVETIC agreed that [redacted] should stay in Pittsburgh because [redacted] broad political experience would enable him to play a more important role here than in New York.

CVETIC stated that he had a chance to go to work for General Motors. [redacted] asked CVETIC if he would be interested in working as a union organizer and MATT replied that he would consider all possibilities and that at present he has \$400 left from a retirement fund, therefore if it could be worked out if he could remain on the payroll of the American Slav Congress until June 15th he would make out financially. HUDSON stated that he spoke with [redacted] concerning replacing CVETIC as Secretary of the American Slav Congress and after some discussion, [redacted] was convinced that we should try to keep [redacted] in Pittsburgh.

The possibility is that [redacted] will take over MATT CVETIC's job as Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania and that CVETIC will be given a post as union organizer in various towns around Pittsburgh.

C-113 advised that he thinks the move is for the best inasmuch as, one, HUDSON desired the change and that he gained favor with HUDSON by agreeing to the change; two, that no coverage in the American Slav Congress will be lost inasmuch as he will still remain active in the organization; and three, he will endeavor to play a more active part in the affairs at the CP headquarters.

RDM:DEA
cc 67-2584
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PITTSBURGH, PA.	
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Pittsburgh, Pa.
June 16, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

On instant date, the writer personally discussed all matters regarding security and reporting, as set forth in SAC Letter No. 71, Series, 1947, with the above-named informant.

It was definitely understood by both the writer and informant that:

1. He is to be paid each Monday at his residence, same being his place of contact in the past and believed to be the most secure place for contacting him.

2. He is to continue to mail his reports to a designated Post Office box except when same may be turned over to Agent on contact. All material secured by him (exhibit material) is to be initialed by him in his code name, dated and turned over to Agent personally. None of this material will be mailed.

3. No copies of reports are retained by him and same will be typed in blank memorandum form with date and place of meeting and agenda of same, persons attending, etc.

4. He will continue normal party activity and will be alert to any Party questionnaires which might endanger his security.

5. Informant has been previously apprised of the confidential relationship existing between himself and the Bureau.

6. Informant will defend himself vigorously in the event he is ever accused of Party disloyalty.

7. Informant will continue to contact this office by toll telephone in matters of an expeditious nature.

The above is being made a matter of record for possible future reference.

67-2584
JTM:

JAMES T. MOONEY
Special Agent

6-20-47
C-113 advised of
precautions to be
taken as set out in
SAC letter # 74,
Series 1947.
JTM

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: FBI WA 0711

FBI PITTSBURGH

6/17/47

DIRECTOR URGENT

MATTHEW CVETIC, PGH ONDI C DASH ONE THIRTEEN, INFORMANT INVITED BY
STEVE NELSON, NATIONAL CP FUNCTIONARY, TO ATTEND CP NATIONALITY
GROUP CONFERENCE AT YUGOSLAV CLUB, NEW YORK CITY, ON JUNE TWENTYONE
NEXT. MEETING WILL CONCERN UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAVIC AMERICANS
AND IS TO BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF YUGOSLAV EMBASSY. BUREAU
REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE INFORMANTS ATTENDANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES IN AMOUNT OF FIFTY DOLLARS.

FLETCHER.

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JTM:MAW
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*To be coded
as undeclassified*

Approved: JTM
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI

6-18-47

JTM SAC, Pittsburgh

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT C-113
(Bureau File 66-2542)

Rebulet 3-31-47, which authorized continuance of the above informant on a trial basis for a period of three months at the same salary (\$60.00 per week) as in the past. Since the date of referenced letter, this informant's attitude has improved immeasurably, and he is cooperating with this office to a far greater degree than in the past. He has shown a sincere desire to rectify past errors and has attended meetings of the Croatian Congress and Slovenian-American National Council held in Cleveland, Ohio on April 19-20 and May 29-31, 1947 respectively, at his own expense.

In addition to furnishing reports on the above meetings, informant has furnished complete details regarding:

- Three CP City Executive Meetings, 4-9, 5-14 and 6-11-47
- Two Lawrenceville CP Club Meetings, 6-3 and 6-18-47
- CP Nationality Commission Meeting, 4-15-47
- CP Fund Drive Roll Call Meeting, 4-19-47
- American Slav Congress Executive Committee Meeting, 6-5-47
- CP Legislative Committee Meeting, 6-6-47
- Miscellaneous intelligence data concerning American Slav Congress, United Committee of South Slavic Americans, Yugoslav Communist Matters.

Informant is no longer Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief due to the fact that this organization has discontinued its office in this area. Informant has also relinquished his salaried position as Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania but has accepted the non-salaried position of Vice President of this organization.

Informant continues to enjoy the friendship of STEVE NELSON (Chairman of CP National Group Commission), ROY HUDSON (District CP Chairman) and LEO KRZYCKI (National President of American Slav Congress). In this regard it might be noted that on April 15, 1947 [redacted] reported that STEVE NELSON and ROY HUDSON, during the course of a conversation at District CP headquarters in Pittsburgh, agreed that the informant was a likeable individual.

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In view of the continued activity and value of the above informant it is requested that his services be continued at the present rate of \$60.00 per week for a period of three months beginning July 1, 1947.

JTM:MWD

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA, THOMPSON

SUBJECT: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

DATE: June 21, 1947

Attached hereto are reports and exhibits furnished by the above captioned individual. It is suggested that this memorandum and the attachments be placed as one serial in the master file of the informant.

An addition to the attached exhibit the informant furnished a financial statement of the Croatian Womens Council for the period from April 31, 1946 to April 31, 1947. This exhibit has been placed in master file 100-8287.

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RE: A.P. Solovov - Representative,
Soviet Union.

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The above person Alex P. Solovov is in the United States on a 3 month trip. Subject's headquarters is in Moscow, Russia. is Married and has two children - married eleven years. is age 38 or slightly over. speaks with an accent. Is a Geophysicist by profession.

Subject

Stay^{ing} at Webster Hall in Pittsburgh - From overhearing conversation between subject and a local person - male - subject has spent some time in Tulsa, Oklahoma - in Berkeley, California and in New York City. While in Pittsburgh he will visit the Gulf Research Laboratories at Harnarville, Pa. - on Monday 6/9/47. Overheard him say that when he arranged the trip with an official of the Gulf Company the official was very antagonistic at first - complained that if we sent someone over to Russia they wouldn't get the same courtesy - this Gulf representative also complained about iron curtain. Subject speaks very highly of the new Government in the Soviet Union and appreciates ^{what} ~~could~~ could be accomplished here with the same form of government. ~~Say~~ Subject also says he has a Radio-Receiving set which he uses to listen to local Radio Programs - (whether he uses it for any other purposes he did not say) -

subject

Understand^{ing} he met his companion by coincidence on Water St. in downtown Pittsburgh around 1:00 P.M. today - Sunday 6-8-47 and that they took a walk in the Hill District. On the walk they arranged to eat dinner together and they ate dinner in ~~xxxxxxx~~ Oakland and then took a walk through Schenley Park. -- By prearrangement they met in the lobby of the Webster Hall - but subject would not eat in the dining room of Webster Hall as he felt the people there were too aristocratic or suspicious or something like that. -- Subject did not from what I overheard

in approximately 5 hours discuss the nature of his work or any of his business. Subject is going to Duncan, Oklahoma from here. He has purchased Airplane tickets (TWA) today - Exact destination unknown -- Subject also invited his Pittsburgh acquaintance to visit him in Moscow next year (pittsburgh acquaintance told him he might be in Zagreb next year at the Slav Congress and if so will try to visit subject).

Also saw the Pittsburgh acquaintance give subject his name and address ---

Subject claims a deep interest in Geophysics.

If additional report ~~ix~~ or information is wanted - please advise. Card enclosed --- subject gave card to Pittsburgh acquaintance who left it on chair at Webster Hall.

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF WESTERN PENNA.

**ACTION ON BENDER HOUSE BILL # 682

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A meeting was held in the office of the Communist Party in the Bakewell Bldg. on Monday Afternoon, Feb. 28th at ~~XX~~ 3:15 P.M. with the following present:

Roy Hudson, District Chairman

[] UE

[] Civil Liberties & Jewish Mov.

Matthew Svetic, Amer. Slav Congress

[] Croatian Women's Council

[] Croantian Men's Council

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Discussed at the meetng was House Bill #682 from the angle of getting action on it. Roy ~~Hudson~~ Hudson chairman said that we must attack the bill ~~not~~ on the basis that it is anti-communist but that is is against ~~the~~ trade unions and other progressive organizations. Discussed was the possibility of organizing a committee for the purpose of organizing mass action against the bill. It was suggested by [] that perhaps he could get [] to invite some district leaders to a meeting under the name of Civil Liberties for ??????? (something or other). Matt Svetic said that the Slav Congress Exec. Comm. will meet tonight and they will raise the question of getting out a resolution and also a release to the press denouncing the Bender Bill. [] discussed the participation of UE and [] said they will get the CFU Lodges acting on the bill. After discussion it was decided that time did not permit the formation of a separate committee but that we should carry on through existing organizations according to

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Roy Hudson. [] is to see that the Bender Bill is brought up at the meeting of Steel City Council Thursday. Finally Roy Hudson proposed that the committee meet again this week and [] suggested that [] and ----- (another person) be invited to the next meeting. It was agreed to meet on Thursday, May 1st. at 4:45 P.M. in the office of the CP.

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Communist Party of Western Penna.
Legislative Committee.

[redacted] 6/6/47

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A meeting was held in the Communist Party Office the morning of 6/6/47 at 10:15 A.M. for the specific purpose of discussing plans and activities around the Taft-Hartley Bill, the Bender Bill and the State Labor Bills.

[redacted] and the following participated:

[redacted] AFL
Matt Cvetic, Slav

[redacted] Jewish Movement

[redacted] District

[redacted] UE,

[redacted] Negro Group

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And a sallow complected male - ~~probably with~~
-brown hair - veteran -- (name possibly [redacted] ????? - may be
with [redacted] Union)

[redacted] gave a report of the actions of the House of Representative s on the Bender Bill and supplied ~~xx~~ copies of the Labor Bills which are being proposed in the State.

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[redacted] reported that the AFL is ~~trying to~~ getting a delegation together to visit the Mayor on the Taft-Hartley Bills.

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[redacted] had nothing specific to report.

Matt Cvetic reported that the Slav Congress has sent out hundreds of resolutions and have been carrying on a letter writing and card writing campaign. He also said they are ~~xx~~ getting a delegation together to visit the Mayor on the Taft-Hartley Bills.

From the discussion it was decided to broaden activities around the three main issues. [redacted] reported on the meeting of Steel City Council last night and also reported on Goney's and Federoff's visit to the Mayor - the Mayor told them he would visit President Truman next week and quietly discuss with him and try to get him to VETO the Taft-Hartley Bill. [redacted] said we must try to ~~xx~~ get the Mayor and other Democratic leaders to take an open stand against the Bill - He suggested using the threat of Wallace as a means to get them ~~xxxxxx~~

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to take a more vociferous stand. ~~xxxxxxx~~ It was also proposed by [] b6
that committees which are going to visit the Mayor ~~try~~ try to get him to b7C
declare a "VETO" Day like Mayor O'Dwyer did in New York City.

On the Bender Bill -- it was suggested that UE get active on this and
wherever possible local committees be organized to visit State Assemblyman
and State Senators on the Bender Bill and the State Labor Bills
[] mentioned a planned luncheon where ~~legislators~~ Senators and b6
and state representatives be invited to participate -- this luncheon is b7C
being planned by AFL -- the purpose to get them to ~~xxxxxxx~~ Congressmen
vote correctly on the three proposed bills.

The final proposal which was advanced by [] was to the effect that b6
we should try to organize a local Civil ~~for~~ Rights Congress or Committee which b7C
would be ready to fight against the injustices which are being perpetrated
~~by the~~ now (he mentioned specifically the Farrell Cases) and also to be
prepared to fight in case the Bender Bill becomes law. In the discussion
it was pointed out that this is necessary because of the ineffectiveness of
the Civil Liberty Union.

This committee will meet again the first part of the week. It was also
announced at the meeting that William Z. Foster will speak over KQV -
Mutual network on Tuesday night at 10:15 or 10:30 - Broad publicity on
this was advocated. *****

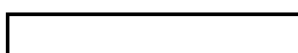
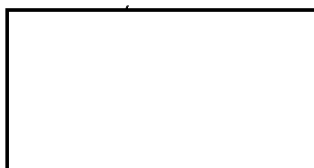
[] had lunch with [] and Matt Cvetic at Tambellini's- b6
At this lunch the program of the Slav Congress was discussed. In addition b7C
to what they are now doing [] proposed that [] send
a telegram to Bender challenging him to a debate on the Bender Bill. After
the luncheon they retired to the office of the Slav Congress to complete
the discussion.

American Slav Congress of Western Penna.
Executive Committee Meeting
Office of Croatian Council
6th Floor Bakewell Bldg.

[redacted] 6/5/47

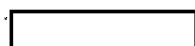
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A regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Slav Congress was held in the office of the Croatian Council on Thursday Evening June 5th at 8:00 P.M. The following attended:



Matt Cvetich

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The meeting discussed and acted on the following.

On a proposal by the Executive Secretary Matthew Cvetich the meeting accepted Matthew Cvetich resignation as fulltime executive Secretary and elected [redacted] to this job. Matthew Cvetich was made the vice-president of the organization.

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Resolutions were proposed on such measures as the Bender Bill, the Farrell Cases, and additional actions was discussed on the Taft-Hartley labor bills - A delegation from the Slav Congress may visit the Mayor's office on Monday morning.

Efforts will be made to organize committees in Uniontown, New Kensington, East Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh proper, Monessen and Farrell - An effort will be made to organize a meeting at Farrell around the Farrell Cases. [redacted] the new secretary announced that he would shortly visit these communities. Appeals to organizations are being made ~~xxxx~~ for contributions according to [redacted]

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A fairly complete report of Slav Congress activities was submitted yesterday -

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[redacted] announced that the Wallace meeting will not be held in Pittsburgh this summer as they just found ~~xxx~~ out this afternoon that Wallace would not come here as he needs a rest. It is possible that he will visit Pittsburgh in the Fall..

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MEMORIAL DAY BROADCAST

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ARE YOU

A COMMUNIST...

Don't be startled. *You may be one without knowing it!*

Lots of people have qualities they never suspect. The peaceful farm boy from Iowa or the office clerk from New York didn't know they were soldier heroes before Okinawa—but they were. Joe Louis didn't know he was the best prize fighter in the world when he worked in a Detroit automobile plant—but he was. Events proved it.

In the next six months, *thirty thousand Americans will join the Communist Party*. Perhaps you will be one of them. We hope so, of course. But even if you do not expect to be one of them now, the Communist Party may still be just the organization you would want to join—but you don't know it. Like thousands of other Americans, *you may be a Communist without knowing it*.

You might ask: How is this possible? Surely I would know if I were a Communist or if I wanted to join the Communist Party!

That is true—provided you really knew what a Communist is. Unfortunately, most Americans have learned about Communists not from Communists but from their enemies. Just judge from your own experience. How accurate would reports about *you* be if they were spread by your enemies?

Now, before you decide whether you are or are not a Communist, we would like you to hear from the Communists themselves just what a Communist is.

We do not ask you just to accept everything we say. On the contrary, we want you to check it, to ask for proof, to test it.

on the basis of your own experience. All we ask is that you do not judge the Communist Party by reports spread by its enemies—particularly since those enemies are also the enemies of labor, of democracy and of world peace.



HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CALLED A COMMUNIST...

We don't know what your experience has been. But we do know that people like you have been called Communists because they fought for higher wages, shorter hours, better living conditions; for Negro rights, for democratic liberties under the Bill of Rights; for full employment, price control, bigger veterans' benefits; because they opposed anti-labor legislation, fascism in Spain and the Dies Un-American Committee; because they worked for friendship with the Soviet Union and for world peace.

It is true that the Communists did all these things. But one can believe in and fight for these objectives without being a Communist. The Communists believe that the world is round, but that doesn't make everyone who believes that the world is round a Communist.

Many people have been called Communists who aren't. They even called the late President Roosevelt and former Vice-President Wallace Communists.

Obviously, to believe in and be ready to fight for these issues does not make you a Communist. However, it certainly does mean you are a genuine progressive and consistent anti-fascist. And if you find that the Communist Party constantly fights for *all* these things and fights better than any other organization—which may fight for some of them but not for all—then there can be no doubt that *you have very much in common with the Communist Party.*

Some people join the Communist Party on these grounds alone. They are most welcome because the fight for these issues, reflecting as it does the needs of the majority of our people, is the most important immediate job of the day. Upon joining the Party, these people learn why the Communists fight so consistently for these issues. They find that it is not an accident; on the contrary, it has quite a lot to do with the fundamental program of the Communist Party.

We would like to have you acquaint yourself with this program.



PROGRAM OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Why should people starve in a country like the United States, so rich in resources, skilled labor, genius and intelligence? Why should we have periods when millions are unemployed? Why should one-third of our people live on a starvation level?

Why should many of our citizens be denied the right to vote because of their color? Who organizes and profits from lynchings and Jim Crow? What accounts for the spread of anti-Semitism right after winning a war against Hitler and his race theories?

Why can't we have a world at peace now that our country plays such an important role in world affairs? Why do we have to spend so many billions for armies, navies and the manufacture of atom bombs?

Our answer is: *All this is so because a handful of people organized into huge trusts control the economic life of our country. They are interested only in making profits.*

That is why they cut wages, force up prices, seek to smash the unions.

As you remember from your own experience, when the people can not buy back what they produced, a crisis occurs. Factories close, millions are unemployed, starvation prevails. This happens even though there is a greater need than ever for food, clothing and shelter. Crazy, isn't it?

But the greed of the trusts for profits is not limited to America alone. Their exploitation spreads to all parts of the world. To assure their investments, they build big armies and navies and want atom-bomb monopoly to place the rest of the world at their command; to tell other peoples what kind of economic systems and governments they should have.

That is why they wish to keep people in ignorance, promote prejudice, divide the nation on racial and religious lines so that they can continue in power. They constantly seek greater power. They control, to one degree or another, both major parties. They are dominant in the 80th Congress. They influence the actions of our President.



PARTY FOR SOCIALISM

We Communists say all this should not and need not be.

We know that the working class, in alliance with the farmers, professionals and all who perform useful work and contribute toward creating all this wealth, will one day use their democratic rights to establish a system not to serve the greed and profit of the few but the welfare of the many. Then, the people will own and control the vast industries and run them for the benefit of all. Then, there will be no unemployment, no crisis, no wars.

Then, there will be no domination of the many by the few. Then, all people—black and white, Jew and Christian—will be able to enjoy full democracy. Then, there will be no incentive for the enslavement of nations. Then, there will be a free exchange of goods between nations, based on the need of each other's contributions and the respect for each other's talents. *That will be Socialism.*



We assumed before that you were substantially in agreement with us Communists on the necessary fight for such immediate issues as higher wages, full employment, security, equal rights for all and world peace. Suppose your experience convinces you that to win these things in full measure and to make them secure, socialism is necessary. Would you not then be in favor of socialism? *If your answer is yes, then you are a Communist, no less than the rest of us who belong to the Communist Party.*

For, after all, what is the Communist Party? It is a party basing itself on the program of socialism.

We Communists do not just sit back while the American people suffer the miseries of capitalism. On the contrary. We fight for the interests of labor and the people, day in and day out.

CHECK ITS PROGRAM

FOR YOURSELF

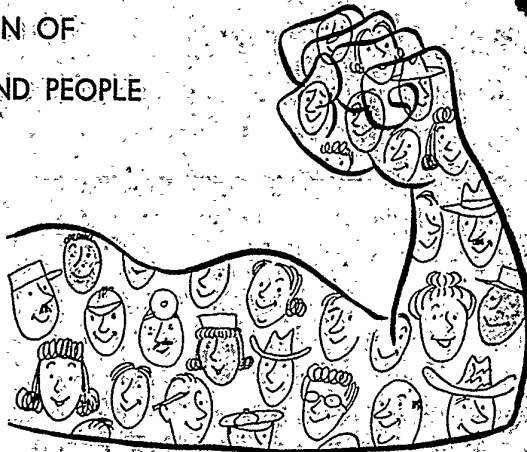
Possibly, having read the lies and slanders spread by the enemies of the Party, you may say you are fully in accord with the foregoing objectives but they are quite different from the beliefs you were told the Communists held.

The first thing to do is to check from your own experience and the experience of people you know to see whether we are telling you the truth. Our program is open for everyone. We are the only political party in the country with a clear and definite program which, far from concealing, we wish everyone to know. Read our constitution. Read the *Daily Worker* and *Sunday Worker*. Read our pamphlets, and see for yourself if what we have said is true.

Check its history. The Communist Party has been in existence for more than twenty-seven years. It was organized by left-wing workers of the old Socialist Party in 1919. Led by Charles E. Ruthenberg, who became the first Secretary of the Communist Party, these socialists brought to the new Party the best traditions of their great leader, Eugene V. Debs. Another group that joined to form the new Party were those Marxist trade unionists then in the A. F. of L. whose outstanding spokesman was our present leader and Chairman of our Party, William Z. Foster. Other groups from militant sections of the labor movement came from the Socialist Party and the old Industrial Workers of the World.

Thus, the Communist Party, coming into existence in response to new conditions in this country and throughout the world, was based on the best forces that the old socialist and labor movement of America produced.

CHAMPION OF LABOR AND PEOPLE



Our Party has always championed the interests of labor and the people. Whatever may have been its weaknesses and mistakes in its long history, the Communist Party has always served the best interests of the workers and the people of our country—the best interests of the whole nation.

Directly, in its own name, and through the work of Communists in trade unions and people's organizations, our Party pioneered in industrial unionism, organization of the unorganized, the shorter work day, democracy in unions and independent political action by labor in alliance with all other progressives. It was the first and most consistent fighter for social security and the right to organize—two of the greatest achievements by American labor in the past decade.

The Communists have an honored record in the fight for Negro rights which was dramatized by the famous Scottsboro case. The Party has always fought for civil liberty, as shown by its prominence in the Tom Mooney and Sacco-Vanzetti cases. It was the first to warn against the danger of fascism.

and call for America to join a world front against Hitler. It contributed thousands of its members to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which fought Franco. It championed the close friendship and alliance between this country and the Soviet Union as essential to the fight against Hitler and for world peace.

THE PARTY STANDS AT YOUR SIDE

Perhaps you may have been identified at one time or another with these struggles. You may have voted, side by side with Communists, in your shop, your trade union, your fraternal organization or your community. If so, then you know first hand the record of our Party in the people's fight for greater economic security, for democracy and for peace. If you have not had this experience personally, perhaps a shopmate, a fellow trade unionist or a friend has. Ask them about it.

Today, if you are a member of a trade union, fighting against the efforts of Big Business to destroy your union or for a wage increase to meet the rising cost of living, you know where the Communists stand: *They stand at your side.*

If you are a Negro fighting for your rights, for F.E.P.C. or against the poll tax, lynching, Jim Crow, you know that the Communists stand at your side in your fight.

If you are a housewife fighting for rent control or lower prices, you know the Communists fight side by side with you.

If you are a veteran fighting for greater GI benefits, housing or jobs, you know where the Communists stand. At your side.

That explains why our enemies—and yours—center their fire against the Communist Party today. They hope to confuse and divide labor and the people to defeat the fight against the trusts. This in itself is the best testimonial for our Party. People are judged by the kind of enemies they make. This is also true of organizations. *Our enemies are also your enemies. Always keep that in mind when you think about the Communist Party.*

PARTY IS FLESH

AND BLOOD OF PEOPLE

It is not an accident that the Party fights for the very things you want. The Communist Party is part of the flesh and blood of labor and the people. It consists of the most advanced, enlightened and courageous fighters in the ranks of labor and the people.

Who belongs to our Party? People like you. Workers—steel workers, miners, maritime workers, garment workers, building trades workers, food workers, workers in the service industries. White collar and professional workers, teachers, lawyers, doctors, artists, office workers and others in similar capacities. Also, farmers, housewives and even small business men.

So check everything we have said by your own experience. Test what we say against what we do.

We are not a party that makes promises to the people and forgets them. Our party promises nothing that can be obtained without a fight by the people themselves. We call upon the people to organize and fight to achieve this program. There is no other way in which it can be achieved.

AN AMERICAN PARTY

It is natural that you should be bombarded with charges against us by our mutual enemies. You have heard charges that the Communists are interested in a country other than the United States, that they are foreign agents, that they are not really interested in the people's needs but want chaos, that they seek to foment strife and promote force and violence. These are slanders and lies to confuse the people, to intimidate the weak and divide the opponents of the trusts.

The Communist Party is an American party. It is a democratic organization—the most democratic organization in our country. Its members decide on all questions of policy and elect their leaders through the regular conventions of the Party as provided in its Constitution. It takes no orders from anyone in this country or any other country. Our members owe allegiance to no country except our own.

Everyone who has ever fought for progress has been similarly maligned by reaction. Today they charge the Communists with taking orders from Moscow. In the days of Thomas Jefferson, they charged that great American leader and his followers with taking orders from revolutionary France. In Czarist Russia the Communists were charged with being agents of Germany because they followed the scientific principles of Karl Marx and Frederick Engels who were both born in Germany. Hitler called the German Communists agents of Moscow because they opposed his program of fascism, world aggression and domination.

What is the truth? Just as our country was hailed by the advanced people throughout the world as the first capitalist republic, so American Communists and progressives of today hail the Soviet Union as the first socialist republic. What does that mean? It means that in the Soviet Union there are no capitalists or trusts, exploitation has been abolished, unemployment eliminated and production is planned to fill the needs of the people. Enjoying the highest form of democracy, the people of the Soviet Union do not—and cannot—aim to enslave and dominate other peoples. That is why the Communists advocate—and always have advocated—a policy of friendship and peace with the Soviet Union, just as we advocate friendship and peace with all freedom-loving people. The fact that our country had to adopt this policy in the great war of survival, when our independence was threatened by Hitler, proves that we are right.

But this has nothing to do with taking orders from, or being spies for, or owing allegiance to another country. It is the

reactionaries in every country who produced the Quisling traitors—not the working class, not the progressive movements, not the Communists.

AMERICAN ROAD TO SOCIALISM

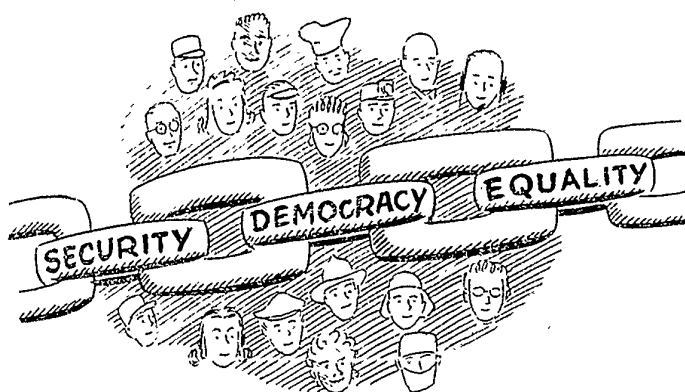
We Communists who believe in socialism know that only when the American people want socialism will it be established in our country. We also know that it will be established by our people in their own way and through their own form that will not duplicate those of the Soviet Union. It will be established in a manner and form determined by the economic and political conditions prevailing in our country, in accordance with the history and traditions of our country and our people.

As for force and violence, *it is not the Communists who practice force and violence. It is the men of the trusts—the Morgans, the Rockefellers, the DuPonts, the Mellons, the Fords, the Hearsts.* It is they who have broken strikes by force. It is they who now want a free hand to do it again. It is they who have used the injunction against labor even in violation of federal laws; who inspire attacks on our Negro citizens that lead to lynchings; who spread anti-Semitism and create tension and strife among our people to divide them. It is they who constantly strive to nullify the will of the majority and subvert our democratic institutions. It is they who deny the vote to millions of Negro and white citizens through the poll tax and other devices.

It is they who daily practice force and violence against the American people and their most cherished democratic traditions.

The Communist Party of America stands for the people of America. It reflects their needs of today and their aspirations of tomorrow. What the American people want, we want; its victories are our victories and its set-backs are ours. The interests of our Party and the American people are intertwined like two clasped hands. Being part of the people, we fight with

them and support them in all their strivings for a secure, peaceful and happy living. We ask for their support in behalf of the same goal.



JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY!

We have tried, as Communists, to tell you what a Communist is. We hope that now it will be easier for you to answer our original question: "*Are you a Communist?*"

If you agree with the policies and objectives we have enumerated, you are definitely a Communist. And if you are really serious about fighting for your own welfare, as well as the welfare and future of your family, your place is in the Communist Party.

We hope that you will not only answer the question in the affirmative but that you will do something about it. All Communists belong in the Communist Party.

Join the Communist Party now!

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Pamphlet herein referred to -- "What you should know about the communists"

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426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

May 27, 1947

TO ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS

Dear Comrade:

As part of the development of an overall plan for greater distribution of literature, as well as part of our Party Building Drive, I ask you to do two simple things.

First, read the enclosed pamphlet carefully and let me know what you think of it. Please withhold your opinion until you have read it. Then let me know whether your club can plan to use it, and if so, how many you will use. If you do not intend to use it I also would appreciate hearing your reasons.

The second request is for your opinion on the scale of distribution of Comrade Foster's new book. As you know Comrade Foster has returned from an extensive tour of Europe, and his detailed notes and experiences will be in the book. It's a grand opportunity to share this very rich experience as well as letting great numbers of progressives and trade unionists share it with us. The advance notice states that it will probably be out in a month or two in a popular 50¢ edition.

We want to do a job on this distribution and I'm sure you will want to do your share. Think about it, discuss it with your executive committee and communicate your ideas and thoughts to us.

Comradely,

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Enclosure

"ALL THAT HARMS LABOR IS TREASON TO AMERICA"

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Abe Lincoln must be turning over in his grave these days. A Republican Congress, ably assisted by many Democrats, is acting as the hatchet man for the National Association of Manufacturers. The axe is about to fall—
ON YOU, ON AMERICAN LABOR AND ON AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

THIS IS WHAT THE TAFT-HARTLEY SLAVE LABOR BILL WOULD DO TO OUR COUNTRY:

1. Destroy the progressive labor legislation won during the Roosevelt Administration, cripple the Wagner Labor Act and make collective bargaining a farce.
2. It would move the clock of history back to the Harding-Coolidge-Hoover days of company unions, coal and iron police and government by injunctions.
3. The Big Monopoly Corporations would be in a stronger position to cut wages, lower our standard of living and thereby hasten the economic crisis whose shadow is already falling over our nation.
4. Under the guise of an anti-Communist clause, employers would actually be able to dictate what officers should be elected in each union, thereby destroying the democratic rights of all American labor.

Senator Taft himself has admitted that three-quarters of what the National Association of Manufacturers wants is written into the Taft anti-labor bill. AND THIS IS THE BILL THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE Milder THAN THE HARTLEY VERSION!!! Let there be no mistake about it. The N.A.M., which speaks for such giant monopoly corporations as U. S. Steel, Standard Oil and the Mellon Millions (the Mellon family controls Westinghouse, Aluminum Co. of America, Jones & Laughlin, Crucible Steel Co. and lots more), is counting on the Taft-Hartley bill AS THE FIRST STEP IN MAKING AMERICA OVER IN THE IMAGE OF HITLER GERMANY.

This is what Philip Murray, President of the CIO, said about this bill: "THE ENACTMENT OF THIS CONTEMPLATED LEGISLATION WOULD BE THE FIRST REAL STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF FASCISM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

SPEAK OUT FOR TRUMAN VETO

President Truman signed the anti-labor portal-to-portal bill. He cannot be relied upon to veto the Taft-Hartley bill. ONLY AN AROUSED AMERICA CAN FORCE TRUMAN TO VETO THIS ANTI-LABOR LEGISLATION AND GET CONGRESS TO SUSTAIN THAT VETO. On behalf of America's freedom and security:

ACT NOW!

1. Write or wire President Truman to veto the Taft-Hartley bill. Get your family, friends and shop-mates to go and do likewise.
2. Write your Congressman and Senators to vote against the Taft-Hartley bill when it comes out of Conference and to uphold Truman's veto.
3. Organize protest actions in your shop, union and community TO AROUSE THE PEOPLE TO THE DANGERS OF THIS UN-AMERICAN SLAVE LABOR BILL. Let's have united action between the AFL and CIO. LET ALL WHO LOVE AMERICA SPEAK UP NOW!

RALLY!

RALLY!

*Protest Un-American Slave Labor Bills!
Demand Truman Veto Taft-Hartley Anti-Labor Legislation!*

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 31 - 8 P. M.

West Park Bandstand, Northside

PROMINENT SPEAKERS

FREE MOVIES

426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

May 21, 1947

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TO ALL CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Dear Comrades:

We are enclosing a number of copies of letters of invitation for our veteran's re-union on May 31st. We would like to ask your cooperation in seeing to it that these letters are mailed to the veterans who are members of your club. In addition, you may mail an invitation to any veteran who is a friend or sympathizer and whom the Club, after discussion in the Executive Committee, feels it wants to invite. It is essential that the names of any such veterans be given to the Veteran's Committee which is arranging the re-union.

We feel certain that this re-union will be an excellent affair and, coming on the heels of the Veteran's Encampment in Washington D.C., will enable us to strengthen our ties with the veterans and further develop the important role they can play in all Party activity.

We urge that your Executive Committee discuss this and act on it at once.

Comradely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

for the Veteran's Committee, C.P.

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Communist Party May Day Meeting,

Sunday Evening May 4th., 1947 -

Carnegie N.S. Music Hall, Pgh., Pa.

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Approximately 1000 persons attended the meeting which was to be addressed by Eugene ^{Dennis} ~~Secretary~~, Secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A. During ~~xxxx~~ ^{the} meeting, Roy Hudson announced that due to the fact that Eugene Dennis had to appear in Washington, D.C. on Monday, May 5th he could not be present but that [redacted] member of the National Committee had a message from Eugene Dennis for the meeting.

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On the stage were the following Communist Party

~~Dir~~ ~~the~~ dignitaries:

Roy Hudson, Chairman,



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Roy Hudson in his remarks attacked the Bender Bill which is a bill being proposed in the State Legislature declaring certain kinds of activities ~~subversive~~ subversive and providing certain penalties for same.

[redacted] sang during the meeting.

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Tickets for the meeting were sold by [redacted] and

also by [redacted] who is shortly to leave for a teaching job in the State of Florida. [redacted] was in charge of collecting money for tickets and also money on the Fund Drive. [redacted] was in charge of the ushers. [redacted] in charge of literature

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James Dolsen distributed the worker - a copy of each was given free to each person at the meeting - May 4th edition. Three pamphlets were sold ~~xx~~ which were given special announcements by Roy Hudson.

---- Let the People Know - Eugene Dennis The Un-Americanism of

Hearst's John ~~Shenkin~~ Sentinel - Eugene Dennis and Is Communism

Un-American - Eugene Dennis - These were sold as a special 3 for 15c.

[redacted] and Matt Svetic were in general overall charge of the arrangements. [redacted] counted the collection. The Floor collection not including money taken in by [redacted] on the tickets and fund drive amounted to over ~~\$10~~ \$1100.00.

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[redacted] in his remarks said quote: Those who are plotting a reactionary war are counting on England to support the war against the Soviet Union. He said in this they are mistaken In a reactionary war the people of England will support the Soviet Union ** He further said that in a war against Russia ~~xxx~~ all the free people of the world would support Russia not the reactionaries who are plotting the war. (Content ~~correct xxx words~~ essentially correct).

Saw amongst those present such leaders as:

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[redacted] and friends
It was a very good gathering of party people/with all sections and clubs from Western Penna. being well represented.

The meeting was covered on the outside by Pittsburgh ~~Pitts~~ Police and some dozen or so plainclothesman and observers whose origin was unknown -

All newspapers also covered the meeting. Took pictures of ~~xxx~~ stage participants only.

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE
COMMUNIST PARTY

May 24, 1947

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Dear Comrade:

We are happy to announce the Second Annual Re-union of Communist veterans and their friends, to which you are cordially invited. In addition, your wife, girl friend or any veteran friend you may have, are also cordially invited. The Re-union will be held Saturday, May 31st at 8:30 P.M. at 1000 North Negley Ave., East Liberty.

This Re-union will furnish an occasion for veterans of the Communist Party and their friends and families to get acquainted and spend a most enjoyable and entertaining evening together. Inspired, as we all were, by the highly successful Veteran's Encampment held in Washington D.C., we feel that this Re-union will help in bringing us all closer together in an evening of comradeship and fun.

The Committee in charge is arranging for an excellent program of entertainment. Refreshments will be served. There will be no charge.

We hope to have the pleasure of seeing you on Saturday evening, May 31st.

Comradely yours,


for the Veteran's Committee
Communist Party

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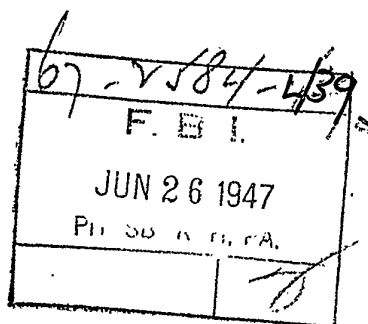
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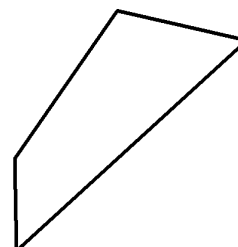
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: June 27, 1947

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113
DATED JUNE 22, 1947

Appropriate letters have been sent to interested offices and memoranda have been designated for pertinent files with regard to organizations and individuals mentioned in the above report.

This report should be placed in 67-2584.

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F. B. I.
JUN 27 1947
PITTSBURGH, PA.
<i>[Signature]</i>

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Meeting of Communists from United States, Canada and Yugoslavia to discuss work in the various American-Yugoslav Front Organizations in the United States and to otherwise discuss and consider the activities of the Communists and to plan future work.

This is a report of a meeting called by Steve Nelson who is in charge of the ~~Nationality~~ Nationality Commission of the Communist Party, U.S.A. In ~~xxxx~~ issuing instructions for the meeting Steve Nelson let it be known that "our friends from Washington" would participate in the meeting.

The meeting was originally called for the "Yugoslav Club" located at 405 W 41st St. in New York City. When those who were to attend the meeting arrived at this address they proceeded to the club which is located on the third floor. There instructions were issued by Steve Nelson that the comrades break up in twos and threes and they would be guided by one of the group to the place of the meeting. This they proceeded to do and their ultimate destination was Room 308 in the Hotel Lincoln -- The expenses for the Hotel were paid \$5.00 by Steve Nelson for the National Office and \$5.00 by Capt. Tom Babin (first name may be incorrect - the title of Captain ~~refers~~ may not be correct) -- for the group he represents -- making a total of \$10.00. From my observations Babin seems to have been in charge together with Steve Nelson on arrangements.

Saturday June ~~20th~~ 21st

The meeting originally scheduled for 7:00 P.M. finally got under way in Room 308 at approximately 8:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time. A total of fifteen persons participated.

During the meeting "Babin" checked the telephone by listening to it quietly to see if it was tapped and "Steve" Nelson checked the 440

wiring on the phone line for the same ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ purpose..

The following attended the meeting. All speaking for the respective sections of their Communist Party.

[redacted] -- Federated Peoples Republic of Yugoslavia.

Steve Nelson -- Dr. Nationality Commission Communist Party USA

----- Babin -- Official designation unknown (NY)

[redacted] -- Communist Party USA -- Serbian Section (NY)
Communist Party USA --- Croatian Section (PGH)
Communist Party USA -- Serbian Section -- (PGH)
Communist Party - Canada --- Croatian --
Communist Party USA - Croatian Section (NY)
Communist Party USA -- Croatian Section (NY)

Matt Svetich -- Communist Party USA -- Slovene Section (PGH)

[redacted] -- Communist Party USA -- Macedonian Sect. (NY)
(also representing Slav Congress)

[redacted] - Communist Party USA - Croatian Sect. (NY)

John -----??? ** Communist Party USA -- ?? ?? ? Probably
from New York

[redacted] Federated Peoples Republic of Yugoslavia --
small mole on right cheek -- gold tooth cap in upper right
hand jaw -- hair-do resembles Raymond Massey as do general
features -- sallow complexion -- fairly heavy beard --

[redacted] -- Name very questionable -- (pronounced
[redacted] -- letter S on tie pin -- Communist Party - CANADA. --

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the various problems and the need for the meeting arose from the differences of opinions of the comrades in Pgh - N.Y. - Canada and the Yugoslav Embassy over ~~policy~~ policy.

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The meeting was opened by a report by [] of the number of delegates elected to the Croatian Fraternal Union Convention and an analysis of the number of those who ~~would~~ could be counted on to support our policy -- It was the consensus of opinion that so far the majority of those elected were "on our side!" Question was raised by Yardesh in discussion that ~~the~~ the names of our delegates should not be made public in any newspaper. Fisher pointed out that the newspaper is publishing the names of all delegates elected without referring to which side they are on. In the course of the discussion it was also noted that [] would evidently be the candidate of the Progressives ~~for~~ to ~~xxx~~ replace [] pointed out one other thing -- We cannot publicize too much the fact that we have a ~~majority~~ majority of delegates or ~~that~~ what we are doing -- because the FBI might come and take pictures of the convention delegates as they are coming into the convention hall. ---- In discussion it was pointed out that the progressive delegates should be pointed out as those who are supporting the Roosevelt Policy etc and not deal too much with the "Communist" Issue -- In other words be careful not to let the "Cat out of the Bag" -----

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Next [] gave a report on the Serbian Question re. the election of delegates for the Serbian National Federation Convention - but alas and alack she was sorry to report that they were not only unsuccessful in electing any progressive delegates from some new lodges but also lost in some of those lodges which previously elected progressive delegates including Wilmsderding, Pa. [] reported for three small lodges in New York with favorable results --- more or less exact status of these three not made clear ----

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Matt Svetich next reported on the SANS convention and gave a rather sketch report of the proceedings. He brought out that the Social Democrats started to fight amongst themselves on the floor and as a result "WE" (probably referring to the Party) were able to ~~XXXXXX~~ elect seven or eight of our people to the board. He also said the worst thing that happened was that [] was sidetracked by the SNPJ delegates who were in the majority and as a result [] would not accept any office in SANS -- [] it appears had aspirations to be president of the organizations. ----- Svetich also reported that the convention voted \$1000 to a defense fund for "Enakopravnost" and that the character of the convention was an improvement over the previous convention in that it is developing along better political lines -- Several of those present asked for the names of some of the party members elected and Svetich enumerated a few of them --- Some were also critical regarding the fight which developed on the floor -- Svetich pointed out it was not of our making and hoped it wouldn't have any serious affect. ---

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This concluded discussion on these groups and the time was around ~~9:12~~ 9:12 P.M. and Steve said our friends from Washington should be here shortly -- they are due at 9:15 P.M. --

At approximately that time Babin, [] (or whatever the hell his name is) arrived together. --

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[] immediately raised the question as to whether [] shouldn't have been invited to participate in the meeting. Steve Nelson replied that he could vouch for all those present and was of the opinion that she should not attend. This decision was accepted and the meeting continued ---

The next business of the meeting dealt with the United Committee, the key business of the evening. [] then gave a report of a meeting which was held in Pittsburgh recently (report previously submitted) and went into a detailed outline of the ~~xpx~~ heavy expenses of the committee together with the standing debt. He dealt at length with Louis Adamic remarks to the meeting in Cleveland where Louis Adamic insisted that \$35,000.00 be raised immediately/or he would drop out of ~~the~~ the committee. [] further dealt with the contributions of the Croats to the United Committee -- dealing with specific amounts and also closed with a remark that the committee at present is functioning with a \$4,000 debt -- has four persons on the payroll and criticized this from a standpoint that nothing is being accomplished -- He further dealt with the opinion expressed in Pittsburgh that the United Committee should be made part of the American Slav Congress ---

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On this question there was a discussion of some three hours or more -- [] Nelson, Babin. []

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[] participating in the discussion -- A complete report on this discussion too difficult to catch except that differences of opinions were expressed -- The remarks of [] however which were largely used as a basis for a settlement were of interests -----

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[] IN HIS REMARKS FIRST SAID THAT THE PRESENT SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED COMMITTEE MUST BE BLAMED ON THE PARTY AND NO ONE ELSE. HE FURTHER SAID THAT WE MUST WORK NOT AS AMERICANS OR YUGOSLAVS BUT WE HERE WORK FOR A COMMON PURPOSE AND WE MUST WORK FIRST AS COMMUNISTS. IN HIS ~~XXXX~~ DISCUSSION HE CONTINUALLY REFERRED TO THE GROUP AS OUR PARTY AND REITERATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT THE ONLY WAY THE WORK CAN BE CARRIED ON IS IF THE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS REALIZE THAT IT IS THEIR

RESPONSIBILITY. IN REFERRING TO THE \$4000.00 debt he said that this can be taken care of -- not to worry about that -- but we must discuss here how to carry on the future work and this future work includes the United Committee which is a very necessary thing at the present time to our work. He severely criticized the shortsightedness of those who felt there is no need for this committee. He stressed the importance of not losing Louis Adamic to the movement. He said the only way the work can continue is if the Party here assigns responsibility to the comrades in the various cities - N.Y. Pgh. Det. Chicago and others to ~~take~~ work in ~~this~~ this committee. Now he said it isn't necessary or desired here that we have a Mass organization or group such as the Slav Congress -- but just a committee which would in each community assume the responsibility of the work. We, he said can help by sending two or three people from Yugoslavia to help with the work and also to go around and talk at meetings which could be arranged. He also said that we party members at the Embassy had a meeting and came to the conclusion that for the present the United Committee must be continued ^{ia} He pointed out that in Yugoslav/the Communist Party is on top and has assumed the leadership in the work and that Communists here must in their way (referring to the progressive coalition) assume the leadership and take the responsibility for the carrying on of the work. He further suggested that affairs could be organized on a national basis. The rest of his report dealt with the ~~fixing~~ work of the committee.

[] in his remarks substantiated pretty much the remarks of []
BACK TO [] ****

[] in his remarks also brought out that [] came here met with [] and they in turn got together with the Clero Fascists in this country and are working ~~against~~ to overthrow the government in Yugoslavia.

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He said we know now that [] worked as a British Agent for over [] years. REPEATING ~~xxxxxx~~ He addressed the meeting and individual members as Comrade or Comrades -- he referred to himself in speaking as a Party Member -- referred to the group as the Communist Party leaders in the work -- He pointed out several times that whether we are American or Yugoslav it doesn't make ~~xxxxxx~~ any difference we work as Communists -- we work in the party -- our responsibility is to the party --

On the American Slav Congress he pointed out that this must be our number one mass organization -- but that the United Committee must continue as a different type of an organization not necessarily a mass organization -- He criticized also the work of the American Slav Congress here on the basis that it has not accomplished the job in the way it could have. This he also blamed on the comrades.

He also stated that 'you have a board of five secretaries in the United Committee -- what have they accomplished -- and four of these are our party members -- where have they been -- they are ^{also} to blame for the present status of the committee -- not anyone else --

He of course pointed out that the Croatian Council, SANS and all these organizations must continue -- they are important --

ON THE OTHER DISCUSSION I ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ CANNOT DETAIL BUT WILL DISCUSS BRIEFLY IF NEEDED * * ADVISE.

Conclusions were drawn on this basis and proposed by Steve Nelson and accepted by the body ---

First that the American Slav Congress be our top organization in this country to work as a mass organizations --

Second on the United Committee -- That [] take responsibility

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together with [] and Matt Svetich for the work of the Committee in Pittsburgh and that [] take responsibility on the Resident board in New York. [] objected on the grounds he didn't have time -- he was asked to serve until such a time as Tony Minerich returns. He also proposed that affairs be organized and that the committee function ~~xxx~~ according to the suggestions given -- i.e. on a limited basis. That steps be taken for the financing of the committee.

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As of now the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief will continue as will the American Reconstruction Committee according to the decisions reached in discussion. --

[] from Canada proposed that a Corporation of somekind be set up to handle certain transaction dealing with the purchasing of machinery etc. for Yugoslavia -- This was not too clear to me but it was decided that the local persons -- Justiz~~e~~ especially would discuss this further -- ~~He~~ dealt with figures such ~~xx~~ up to \$5,000,000.00 -- and thats a lot of coin. --- The form of this according to what I understood would be an Agency or something (whether this is something like Amtorg or not I do not know - I will submit more on this if it comes to my attention --

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After the meeting Steve Nelson met with the Comrades from the Yugoslav Government for a while and then he came down into the lobby and met with Matt Svetich from Pittsburgh -- they left the hotel together -- I followed them down to Steve's Car and left them. ---

Will elaborate on any part of this report on request. []

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 A.M. Sunday 6/22

Director, FBI

Pittsburgh,
July 1, 1947

SAC, Pittsburgh

MATTHEW OVETIC, CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL
DEFENSE INFORMANT C-113
Bureau File No. 66-2542

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re airtel June 18, 1947. No letter authorizing continuance of services of this informant which expire July 1, 1947, has been received.

The next payment of this informant is scheduled for July 7, 1947. It is requested that the Bureau advise this office concerning services of the above informant before that date.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113
DATED JUNE 10, 11, 12, 18, 1947

DATE: June 21, 1947

Appropriate memoranda have been dictated for pertinent individual case files of all persons and organizations mentioned in the above reports.

The above should be filed in 67-2584.

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F. B. I.
JUL 5 - 1947
PITTSBURGH, PA.

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Communist Club of Lawrenceville

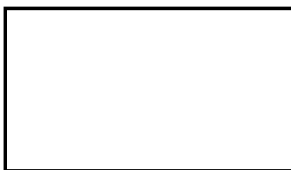
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The Communist Club of Lawrenceville held a meeting at the Croatian Fraternal Center, 4745 Butler St. on Tuesday evening 6/10 at 8: P.M.

The following attended:

Matt Cvetich, Chairman



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Discussed were

1. Report on Membership - [redacted]
2. Report on Recruiting - Matt Cvetich
3. Dues and Daily Worker

On the report of membership Comrade [redacted] dealt mostly with the destruction of party cards and also with ^{forged} ~~duplicate~~ cards. In his reported that forged cards were found in New York, Chicago and on the West Coast. He mentioned the importance of not losing cards so they do not get in hands of stool pigeons.

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On recruiting Matt covered the usual recruiting procedure and called attention to the poor showing here in comparison to Cleveland where they now have 50 Slovenes in the Party and recruited as ^{many} ~~much~~ as 68 in one week. He stressed the importance of every day recruiting in our clubs and labor unions.

[redacted] reported a new recruited who lives at [redacted] He was recruited by the Duquesne Club. - A Negro -- He was accepted.

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Communist Party of Western Penna.

[redacted] 6/10/47

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The following persons were in the office of the Communist Party today: [redacted] who is in charge of the work since Roy Hudson went on his vacation; [redacted]

[redacted] and several visitors.

The attached notice is self-explanatory - The usual place referred to in the attached letter is the Studio on Wood Street.

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[redacted] is instrumental in most of the work of the "Palestine and the United Nations meeting with [redacted] as the principal Speaker". A ticket for this meeting is enclosed.

[redacted] is busy trying to find a place for the picnic - He has had no success so far. The place where they had the picnic last year is not available this year.

The American Veterans Committee is getting together at least twelve people to go to the PCA Youth Conference in Washington D.C. - on June 15th and 16th. Other organizations are being agitated by the Communist party to elect delegates including unions and Slav Congress.

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426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

June 9, 1947

Dear Comrade:

THERE IS A SLIGHT CHANGE IN THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11th. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. instead of 8 P.M. and will end at 8:45 P.M. The reason for this change is that the Morning Freiheit Association is holding a mass meeting on the question of Palestine and the United Nations with [redacted] as the main speaker. We are enclosing a ticket for your information.

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This is a meeting of major importance for our city and in discussing it with many comrades on the City Council, the opinion was expressed that arrangements should be made for members of the City Council to be able to attend it. For that reason, the meeting will be a short one and we have arranged transportation to the Carnegie Lecture Hall in Oakland.

The agenda for the City Council will be as follows:

1. Preparations for the 1947 and '48 elections.
2. Check-up on Party Building

The meeting will be held in the usual place. In view of the fact that we must arrive at the Oakland meeting by 9 P.M. in order to hear the main speaker, we want to urge you to be sure to be on time -- 7:30 P.M.

Comradely yours,

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Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania
Executive Committee Meeting
Wood, St. Studio - Wed. 6/11/47

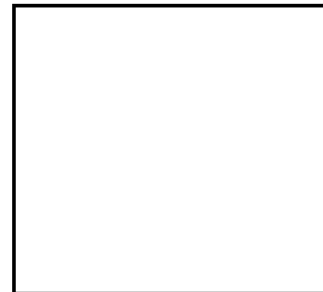
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The Executive Committee held their regular meeting which was cut short so members could attend the "Palestine and the United Nations" meeting in Oakland - The meeting started at 7:35 - adjourned at 9:00 PM. with the following participating;



Matt Cvetic ,



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???? Male - Sallow Completed ?

The agenda included.

1947-48 Elections --- [redacted]
Report on Party Building Drive --- [redacted]

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On the 1947-48 Elections Dave dealt with the importance of Wallace in the ~~political~~ political plans of the future and referred to the formation of a third party -- or a 'second party' as Wallace termed it recently -- ~~recent~~ the forthcoming county elections were discussed and questions raised for future discussion were the role of the progressive organizations in the Elections such as Slav Congress, PCA, Trade Unions etc. - question of whether the Communist Party should ~~run~~ run any candidates were raised -- During the report of Dave he mentioned that there were approximately 380 members of the Communist Party in Pgh. -- No conclusions were reached due to limited time and no discussion was held - the above questions with others were proposed for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

[] gave a report on the Recruiting Drive -- no tangible results were reported in any of the clubs -- several clubs have compiled lists of persons to be visited but no reports of any recruits was made. It was proposed that members of the Executive Committee visit the clubs and help them with the recruiting. [] in her remarks referred to the Cleveland party recruiting 65 into the party by going out in teams. she suggested the same be done here. Matt Syetic suggested that the clubs organize meetings or classes which friends and sympathizers would be invited to attend and this would help recruiting.

[] in announcements suggested continued activities in the fight against the Taft-Hartley Bill and pointed out that the ~~xxxx~~ Miner's strike against the Bill was a "Political Strike!" He also said that the O'Dwyer statement (Mayor O'Dwyer from N.Y. City) may be reprinted in the Pittsburgh newspapers sponsored by the AFL. He also said it was neglect on our part that we didn't get some of our organizations such as Slav Congress - PCA -- Trade unions etc to send telegrams to the Miner's commending them on their strike. --

After the meeting adjourned the members with three or four exceptions went out to hear ~~the~~ [] -- Some went in [] car; some in [] and others in [] --

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Federated Peoples' Republic of Yugoslavia --

Activities in connection with the United Committee.

According to information reaching me the United Committee which has acted as the ~~Political~~ ^{New} Political Propaganda Arm of the Yugoslav Government here will be the subject of a meeting of members of the Communist Party together with members of the Yugoslav Embassy Staff at a meeting on Friday evening June 20th., 1947.

The United Committee according to this information is at present over 200.00 in debt and there are no visible means of future support from any of the major groups which supported the United Committee. inasmuch as there are differences of opinion as to what the role of the Committee should be -- some are of the opinion that it should be continued on a full time functioning basis with a quarterly or monthly magazine at least until such a time as Tanjug News Agency can be established here. This opinion is shared by Louis Adamic, The Yugoslav Embassy and of course [redacted] Some are of the opinion that it should function but on a limited basis -- either separately or as a part of the American Slav Congress -- this is the opinion of most of the Communist Party members who are responsible for the functioning of the Committee. Then there is a third opinion that the Committee should be done away with entirely -- this opinion is held by some of the Slovenes in Chicago. -- At any rate there doesn't seem to be any agreement on what the role of this committee should be. The members of the ~~Yug~~ Yugoslav Embassy are insistent that it be continued.

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Communist Party of Western Penna -- Jewish Section [redacted] 6/11/47
'Palestine and the United Nations' Meeting
Carnegie Lecture Hall, Oakland, Wed. Eve. 6/11/47
Moses Miller, Principia Speaker.

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A meeting organized through the Communist Party efforts was held in the Lecture Hall -- Oakland -- [redacted] the principal speaker dealt with the Palestine question and dealt generally with the question and the attitude of the various governments on this question. He particularly referred to recent statements by "Gromyko" whose statement were referred to in glowing terms. The position of the Soviet Union on the question was also apologized for by the speaker -- their straddling of the issue on many occasions he found some way to justify.

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A large part of the speech was taken up telling what a wonderful personality "Gromyko" is and also, as previously stated justified the Soviet Union's straddling the above question.

Approximately 140 persons attended the meeting -- [redacted] of the meeting and [redacted] Polish Consul of Pittsburgh. [redacted] Yugoslav Consul of Pittsburgh, [redacted] compromised the speakers.

Members of the Communist Party and their friends made up over 90% of the audience -- Particularly active and in evidence were [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] -- After the meeting which was adjourned at 9:55 P.M. several persons retired to [redacted] for a little party for [redacted] -- [redacted] was in charge of the door and took tickets.

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Understand that [] told Matt Svetic that there would be a meeting of Party members on Friday Evening June 20th to discuss the United Committee and that some of our friends from Washington will be here to participate in this meeting. (The friends from Washington of course being either [] or someone else from the Yugoslav Embassy) [] made it very clear in the conversation I overheard that only party leaders should be asked to the meeting and he asked Matt S. to invite [] to participate. [] also stressed the necessity for keeping the meeting and any arrangements surrounding it very confidential. He also said the ~~probab~~ meeting probably would be held at the office of the Language Press but if another ~~place~~ place is selected he would let everyone know. -- (Probably members of the Serbian, Croatian and Slovene Bureau will participate in the meeting).

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Will continue to advise you -- if there are any questions or suggestions please advise --

Communist Party of Western Penna.

[redacted] 6/18/47

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This afternoon Roy Hudson had a long meeting with Matt Svetic who has been working for Slav Congress. Matt gave Roy a report on the Congress and after some discussion Roy proposed that an Election Conference be called in September and that perhaps the same evening a Concert could be organized.

Matt Told Roy he was to go to New York this weekend to discuss certain problems which dealt with the United Committee. Roy proposed that Matt also discuss with Steve the Slovene problems and other problems. Matt said that the Croats and Serbians will also participate in the meeting.

Roy also asked Matt a lot of questions about his personal and family background during the conversation.

After they were through, Matt met with [redacted] and they discussed the picnic of the party which is tentatively scheduled for Linden Grove Park for September 1st. Pete asked Matt if he would consider working full time on the picnic and if so he would propose this to the others. Matt said he would consider it - but he would rather wait until he came back from New York to decide.

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[redacted] came in around 5:00 P.m. and discussed with Roy and [redacted] whether she should attend the board or membership meetings tonight.

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Yesterday Roy, [redacted] had a meeting in the room where the ~~lists~~ literature is kept. (yesterday afternoon) 6/17/47 -- whether this was done for security reasons I don't know but Roy's office was vacant at the time.

United Committee of South Slav Americans

6/18/47 [redacted]

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The meeting of the committee of leading Slovenes, Serbians and Croatians which was to be held in Pittsburgh was transferred to New York and will be held in the Yugoslav Club there.

According to [redacted] members of the Yugoslav Embassy will attend this meeting - he said he was informed to this effect by Steve Nelson.

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[redacted] also says that members of the Yugoslav Embassy are irked at some of the Pittsburgh people and even referred to them as being anti-Yugoslav because they voiced an opinion that they felt there was no longer a need for the United Committee.

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The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. Saturday evening June 21st.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
July 8, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

Re: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

Attached hereto are reports and exhibits from confidential informant C-113. Appropriate memoranda have been placed in individual and organization case files and therefore it is recommended that this memorandum together with the attached items be filed in 67-2584.

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American Slav Congress
United Committee

5/25/47

[redacted] of the American Slav Congress, Matt Cvetic, Local Exec. Secy. and [redacted] from Slobodna Rec, had dinner on Sunday evening May 25th in the Fiesta Room of the Roosevelt Hotel --

They discussed many phases of their work -- Specifically from overhearing the conversation I deduced the following.

There is a misunderstanding regards the publication of a magazine by the American Slav Congress and also a publication of a magazine by the United Committee -- The feeling expressed by [redacted] Matt C. and [redacted] was to the effect that there are not enough forces to work on both magazines nor to get a good distribution on both. [redacted] voiced the opinion that the Yugoslav Question could very well be dealt with in the Amer Slav Congress Magazine. [redacted] said that the Yugoslav Embassy insisted that the United Committee be continued for at least one year as it will be that long before they can have [redacted] working here (probably the news agency). [redacted] further said that he had words about this with [redacted] from the Embassy and also Ljane Adamic. The first publication of the Amer. Slav Congress Magazine will be off the press by end of June or first of July. [redacted] said. [redacted] mentioned an incident where [redacted] went around to borrow \$1,000 for the United Committee -- in answer to a letter from Anne Traven -- He borrowed some of the money from Arthur Bartl, [redacted] and others -- They were repaid after the recent Croatian Congress in Cleveland she said. [redacted] said

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when he is through here he will go to Detroit and after a meeting there on Friday night with the Macedonians he will go to Cleveland to attend the Slovenian Convention there. ~~xxxxxx~~ He also said the (17) seventeen Secretaries of the United Committee will meet in Cleveland on June 1st Sunday -- This is a meeting that has been postponed ^{at} an earlier date. He also said that Louis Adamic will be in Cleveland for the Slovene Convention. [] mentioned something about one of their ~~p~~ employees being here illegally from Canada and cannot be officially connected with the paper. This was Brought out when [] asked [] if they have anyone in New York who could ~~work~~ edit the Paper. It was further brought out in conversation that [] was here recently (before the Croatian Congress in Cleveland) to meet with the party comrades (Croatian) to discuss their program for the Croatian Congress. [] also remarked that [] will be in Pittsburgh either Monday or Tuesday (not familiar with these two). [] said the [] [] will go to Europe soon. Matt C. told [] that they have not been too successful in getting Slav Congress organized here - he also ~~at~~ said ~~xx~~ now that the Raffle is over (this must be the car raffle) they could go to work on the Slav Magazine. When [] left New York [] were still there ~~xxxx~~ waiting for their boat to leave for Yugoslavia. (~~xxxxxx~~ Bum Voyage - this means good riddance in English). [] repeatedly pointed out in conversation that the Yugoslav Embassy was very emphatic in its demands that the United Committee be continued. [] also said that [] who recently returned from Belgrade addressed a meeting on the Yugoslav Club "Unity" (they have one of those here too) about 26 attended. These clubs are Communist front organizations.

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Talk got around to discussing Wallaces tour - [] mentioned that the earliest possible time that Wallace could be in Pittsburgh would be in the Fall. He said the PCA (Progressive Citizens Action) Committee asked him how many could the American Slav Congress in Western Pennsylvania get to a Wallace meeting -- [] told them around 10 or 15 thousand. He also said that this is the first time they asked the Slav Congress about officially participating. The reason for this is probably because there is no real PCA Committee to amount to anything in Pittsburgh. He also pointed out [] that Wallace would not come for the American Slav Congress alone. ---

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[] said that [] is on his way to Yugoslavia.

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From the conversation it was evident that [] will meet with Matt C. and [] on Monday -- meet with Roy Hudson on Monday -- meet with the Croats and Serbians Monday or Tuesday -- leave here Tuesday night. Spend Wed. Thurs and Friday in Detroit and Sat and Sunday in Cleveland. ---

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[] said that [] joined the Party recently.

Thats all

Re: [redacted] and Matt Cvetic [redacted] 5/27/47

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Much discussion has been going on the past few days between the above two persons and [redacted] and Roy Hudson for the purpose of ~~getting~~ coming to a decision of where each will work -- Recently [redacted] has been offered a job as the Director of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief in New York (This job is now filled by Nat Einhorn). Roy Hudson ~~is~~ wants [redacted] to stay here. [redacted] also wants him to stay. [redacted] and one other person from New York recently visited [redacted] and asked him to come to New York -- They also wrote him and insisted on an immediate decision. This noon there was a meeting in the Party Office between Roy Hudson, Matt Cvetic and [redacted] ~~xx~~ and they discussed this -- Matt said he ~~was~~ ~~xxx~~ he ~~was~~ agreed with most of the opinions advanced that [redacted] stay in Pittsburgh. He also said he felt [redacted] could because of his broader political experience play a more important role here than in New York. Matt said he had a chance to go to work for General Motors then there was that offer from New York. [redacted] asked Matt if he would be interested in going to work as a Union organizer. Matt said he would consider all possibilities. At present he said he has about \$400 dollars left from his retirement fund and if it could be worked out that he could continue on the payroll of Slav Congress until June 15th -- He said it would work out alright for him -- He too agreed that efforts should be made to keep [redacted] here.

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Roy Hudson said he spoke with [] and after ne explained to situation to [] at first felt Matt should stay, but after some discussion he was convinced that we should try to keep [] here; ~~and that~~ [] only opposition at first was because he thought [] wanted too much money. If he was willing to work for the same salary as Matt he was agreed. After someomere discussion Matt said he was willing to work along with [] in the meantime take things a little easy and scout around for the best possible spot. Roy told Matt to discuss it with [] and others especially from the Serbian movement and get their agreement. Then they can discuss it with [] is to get together with [] to discuss this at 3PM --

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All seem to agree that this was a good move so they are going to try to get [] to go on full time for Congress.

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[REDACTED] AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS
MEETING IN THE OFFICE OF ROY HUDSON
Wednesday May 28th at 10:30 A.M.

[REDACTED] 5 28/47

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[REDACTED] of the American Slav Congress met with Roy Hudson District chairman of the Communist Party and Matthew Cvetic local Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress.

They held a complete discussion of the American Slav Congress program discussed the local committee and plans for the future -- In his remarks [REDACTED] referred to recent meetings which were held Sunday Afternoon and to meetings which he held with the Serbians and the Croats yesterday. He also mentioned talking to [REDACTED] who he said cannot do much now as doctors ordered him to rest. As regards the Slav Congress part of the discussion this is contained in CROATIAN COUNCIL REPORT AND OTHER REPORTS. Here I will detail what [REDACTED] mentioned regarding his own status since he came to this country:

QUOTE [REDACTED] " I came to this country in ¹⁹²³ ~~1922~~ and when I arrived here I went to ~~live with~~ my brother in Minnesota. My brother was a reactionary. I immediately applied for my first papers! He fell out with his brother in Minnesota - for some reason he was blacklisted and even his brother who worked in a bank in the town where he resided wouldn't help him get work so he went to Pontiac. (Evidently active here in Communist Party) (Several times he mentioned having literature on his person) He further said and quote "While I was waiting for my second papers I was arrested three times all within the period of one year -- the first time I was arrested in Detroit, Mich (town not sure) while addressing a meeting there with six other persons -- he was charged with Criminal Syndicalism -- was later released -- then I ~~visited~~ went to visit my girl friend in Paris, France and while I was there I ~~spoke with some of~~ met with some of my Bulgarian writer

friends. When I returned to this country I was walking out of the office one day (possibly Macedonian Newspaper office in Detroit Mich) and while I was walking down the steps two men said to me "Hello [redacted] ~~Maxxxx~~ Since I was active in Unions I thought they were two union members or organizers then they showed me their badges and said they were FBI agents and said they had a warrant for my arrest for Illegally entering the country. He said "they took me to jail but while I was on my way to Jail I was able to dispose of some things I had on my person so when they searched me they didn't find anything" Then he said he was arrested in Chicago while addressing a meeting there and was held in the House of Correction there. According to him all the charges against him were dropped. [redacted] further said "I had meeting with Residence Board in New York and told them the exact facts" "I told them I was arrested three times and Leo Krzycki said ~~xxxx~~ ^{Krzycki} what's that I was inside the jail and I was outside putting people in (He was sheriff in Wisconsin sometime ago) [redacted] further stated "I ALSO TOLD THEM I WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY BUT DROPPED OUT OF THE PARTY IN 194- BECAUSE I WAS NOT A CITIZEN -- I TOLD THEM HOWEVER THAT I STILL HAVE THE SAME VIEWS!"

[redacted] then told of some of his experiences in the Slav Congress with Blair Gunther and others in the past five years. Roy finally asked if Matt discussed with [redacted] the problem of [redacted] and they said they had discussed and were of the opinion that since they want [redacted] to come to New York and in the words of Louis Adamic become a fund raiser for the American Committee and the United Committee as well it would be better if [redacted] stayed here and worked with the Slav Congress. Matt said they had tentative discussions and they were to meet tomorrow at 4 P.M. at the Language press ~~kw~~ with [redacted] and others to try to get [redacted] to work full time for Slav Congress. -- Roy felt that any Fund Drive for Slav Congress should be held over until next year -- but Matt pointed out that most of our organizations have fund

drives or subscription drives of their own and therefore it would not be too practical -- Roy said I was thinkin about tryin it in with the 1948 elections but he said maybe you have a point there.

At 11:40 they left the office -- [redacted] to return to the Hotel where he was to Meet [redacted] who called the office and arranged the meting with Matt Cvetic -- they were to meet at the Wm. Penn Hotel and George [redacted] was to make the 1:45 Plane for Detroit. This concluded the business of the morning.

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A meeting of the local Croatian Council is scheduled for Thursday Evening at 7:00 P.M. ----- in heir Council office

American Slav Congress

National Executive Office

205 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y. • MUrray Hill 3-0477

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Mr. Matt Cvetic, Executive Secretary
American Slav Congress of W. Pa.
1005 Berger Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Matt:

I am planning to fly to Pittsburgh Sunday morning and will be there in time for the meeting at 2 P.M. I plan to stay over Monday and Tuesday. Would like to meet with Slovak, Croatian and Serbian leaders; am writing to [redacted] Please check with them as to what arrangements they are making.

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Fraternally yours.

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OFFICERS

President: LEO KRZYCKI • [redacted]

[redacted] JOSEPH HELLMUTH, Polish • [redacted]

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[redacted] 5/26/47

American Slav Congress -- Conversation between [redacted] Matt
Svetic and [redacted] in the office at 1005 Berger Bldg on Monday
Afternoon, May 26th., 1947

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The conversation at the office was interesting from one or two
viewpoints -- from the local viewpoint you already have been informed.
I will hear specifically deal with the conversation as it dealt with
such personalities as Roy Hudson, [redacted]
Louis Adamic, Zlatko Balokovic, Congressman Blatnik and other leading
personalities --

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[redacted] who visited Louis Adamic last week reported
in the conversation that Louis seems to be changing and is especially
opposed to American Slav Congress activities -- from the conversation
it was evident that this was principally contained in [redacted]
remarks who said Louis Adamic felt that [redacted] not being a citizen
is proving embarrassing. [redacted] said he had been arrested
three times and also said he made a trip to Paris. Most of this happened
over fifteen years ago. He also said that he is not a member of the
Communist Party at present as the Party has instructed the local branches
to drop all non-citizens and he withdrew from the Party for this reason.
He said that at a meeting of the Resident Board (of the American Slav
Congress) in New York he told them that they have information that the
~~XX~~ FBI IS CHECKING UP ON HIS ACTIVITIES AND THAT SHORTLY HE EXPECTS TO
BE CALLED BEFORE THE HOUSE UN*AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. He said
it was best to tell them so it didn't come as a bombshell to them in the
newspaper. (THE resident board if the ASC is composed of national
committee members who live in New York and vicinity).

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[] said he was to get together with [] tomorrow (Tuesday May 27th) at 1:00 P.M. to discuss the proposition whether he should go to New York to work for the Amer. Comm for Yugoslav Relief or stay here. -- Matt Svetic principally raised many of the problems locally and criticized severely the non-cooperative spirit of some of our members --

From the conversation I learned further that [] met with Roy Hudson - I heard him say in answer to a question from Matt S. that he spoke to Roy that morning and that he wants to call [] [] and arrange to see them later this afternoon. He also said he spoke to [] and that a meeting of the Croats ~~will~~ has been arranged for Tuesday evening May 27th at 7:00 P.M. in the Bakewell Bldg (6th Floor) -- He will stay here Wednesday morning when a meeting is scheduled (possibly a nationality commission meeting). He also ~~xxxxxx~~ mentioned that many Slav Day Rallies are planned for this summer - Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis and other cities -- Leo Krzycki is expected to take part in most of them. It was also brought out in the conversation that there is misunderstanding between Zlatko Balokovic and Louis Adamic on policy -- [] also said that he had quite a discussion with Louis Adamic and all three agreed that the Yugoslav section of the movement should co-ordinate some of their committees -- The Yugoslav Embassy [] pointed out feels that the committees should continue as is. He also mentioned meeting with Congressman Blatnik recently in Washington, D.C. ---- Matt Svetic said if he thought [] could have some influence on such people as Louis and Zlatko perhaps he should go to New York. ----- Louis Adamic will be in Cleveland for the Friday and Sat. meeting of the Slovenes ----

[redacted] pointed out that this is Leo Krzycki's 50th Anniversary in the Labor Movement and ~~perhaps~~ perhaps a Banquet should be organized in his honor in Pittsburgh ----- There may be several of these in the country ---- this year ----

Senator Pepper will be honored by the American Slav Congress at a banquet in New York City this fall -- probably in October. -----

Thats all.

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Croatian Council Meeting - Office of [redacted] 0-

May 27-47 [redacted]

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Tuesday Evening -- May 27th., 1947 ----- 7 PM

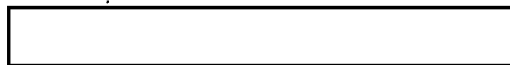
The Croatian Council (Resident Board) met with [redacted]
[redacted] and Matt Cvetich to discuss the role of the Council in the
American Slav Congress. The following participated:

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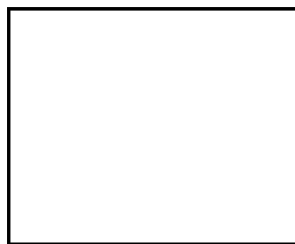


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Steve Loyen, Narodni Glasnik



In the adjacent office at the same time (office of the Croatian Council)
There was a meeting of the Women's Council at this meeting present were



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In the main meeting [redacted] gave a report of the Slav Congress
Work together with a report on the several Yugoslav Organizations and
also on the new publication of the Slav Congress the "Slavic American" which
he reported was a quarterly magazine subscription \$1.00 per year.
He said he met with the Serbians earlier in the day and they had voted
to ~~ak~~ take a \$50. Ad in the new magazine and also that three persons from
Slobodna Rec were added to the national Committee of the Slav Congress --
[redacted] and ????'???. [redacted] he pointed out
is leaving for Europe shortly. He also called attention to his personal
problem (in subsequent report and complete) and because of his non-citizen-
ship and his former party-status Louis Adamic is very reticent about working
with ~~xxxx~~ the American Slav Congress. He mentioned that he gave the facts

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to the meeting of the Resident Board regarding his status and their decision was that George should not resign but that they would fight. The United Committee was discussed as versus the American Committee and also the American Reconstruction Committee -- The feeling of the body present was that at present it would be impossible to ~~raise~~ raise money for the United Committee -- (they ask \$36,000 for the year) -- Most of those felt that the committee should be united with the Slav Congress -- it was also felt that the United Committee should not have a publication of its own -- [] pointed out that Louis Adamic was at first of the same opinion but that the people from the Embassy convinced him otherwise. Louis Adamic of course will not proceed without cash on the line. A meeting of the Secretaries of the United Committee will be ~~called~~ held Sunday June 1st. in Cleveland, Ohio.

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As to the decisions regarding the American Slav Congress it was agreed (Sat. July 19th and that a national committee meeting be called for (Sunday July 20th in Detroit Michigan or around ^{those} ~~that~~ dates -- [] reported that there would be a Slav Rally in Detroit on that date and it would be good if we held it at that time -- he said Krzycki would be there at the time. ---- Other suggestions were that one month a year be set aside as a Fund Raising month for Slav Congress -- [] pointed out that we have at present only \$2500.00 in the bank in New York -- The work and program it was agreed must be arranged in a way that ^{the} ~~new~~ Slav Congress can play an effective role in the 1948 elections -- The new approach to the Congress is that the Croatian Council, SAMS, Serbian Vidovdan Congress together with ~~what~~ what support can be gotten from the IWO, the Slovak and other nationality groups and trade unions should comprise the active part of the Congress. All those present agreed that the American Slav Congress should be our main organization from now on and that all should work in that direction. ---

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The Council voted a \$150.00 Ad to the new Magazine --

This adjourned the meeting.

SLOVENIAN-AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (SANS)

2ND REGULAR CONVENTION CLEVELAND, OHIO. 5-30-31-1947

6/1/47

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---This report will deal with the Convention sidelights and highlights generally --- The participation of the Slovenian Communist Party and other Communist elements will be contained in separate reports.

One hundred and twenty one (121) delegates from principal Slovene centers participated in the Convention. The ~~convention~~ organization opened at 10:00 A.M. Cleveland Time. A complete report of participating delegates will be released in the report of the Convention.

Principal reports were given by [redacted] of the organization.

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The normal proceedings of the convention will also be released in the form of a report to the delegates.

The officers for this convention elected ~~xxx~~ were as follows:

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Members of the resolutions committee:

[redacted]

[redacted]

Cleveland, Ohio.

[redacted]

Detroit, Mich. (Communist Sympathizer)

[redacted]

Pittsburgh Pa. (Communist)

[redacted]

Cleveland, Ohio.

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Members of the Nominations Committee:

[redacted]

Chicago, Ill (Communist Party)

[redacted]

Detroit, Mich. (Comm. Party)

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[redacted] Chicago, Ill

[redacted]

Reports of the President, Secretary, Treasury and the Auditing Committee will be contained in the Convention report.

General tendencies of the organization is to develop into a political organization and to take a more active part in American Political life.

Guest speakers at the convention included: [redacted] from St. Louis, Mo. representing the American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia. [redacted] for the American Slav Congress.

[redacted] American Slav Congress of W. Pa. All three of these speakers stressed the political importance of SANS

The convention moved along in smooth order until elections and then the differences in the organizations came to light.

[redacted] let it be known that he would retire from the Presidency. The nominations committee proposed [redacted] SNPJ leader --

[redacted] Cleveland Ohio AFU member and leader felt he should have been proposed as he was first vice president and he got sore about it. The second point of discontent arose when the Socialists from Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland start squabbling amongst themselves about who should be represented from these cities. The trouble started when [redacted] from Cleveland, Ohio felt that Chicago was getting too many of the offices -- he raised this at a time when a Detroit member was being proposed for one of the vice presidents -- before the elections were over the Communists who are always around to take advantage of such a situation were able to elect for the first time some of their members to the board of SANS. [redacted] Chicago Ill was one of those who wouldn't serve and his followers supported him. --)

The board as elected (not complete) is listed on the next page.

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[redacted] Chicago

Honorary Presidents, Louis Adamic, N.J.
[redacted] Mich

[redacted] Chicago, Ill
[redacted] Detroit, Mich. (Communist Sympathizer)
former C.P. Member

[redacted] Chicago
[redacted] Chicago
[redacted] Chicago.

[redacted] Cleveland,

Members of Executive Board. (5) Five.

[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio. (Communist)

[redacted] Chicago, Ill.

[redacted] Chicago, Ill. (Communist)

Matthew Cvetic, Pittsburgh, (Communist)

FIFTH MEMBER ???????? ?

Members of the eBoard at Large (Executive Committee)

Here I will list known party members -- there are several former party members and sympathizers here too -- but will check this later ---

[redacted], Detroit Mich.
[redacted] Barberton, Ohio
[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio.

The Executive Committee has 20 Twenty Members Complete board will be submitted later.

Other proceedings during the convention.

Convention voted \$1000 to defense fund of Enakopravnost - Slovene Progressive Newspaper which is being sued by some Slovenian Priests for \$200,000 ----

On a motion by [redacted] convention passed a resolution asking President Truman to veto the Hartley-Taft Anti-labor Bill.

Other events which were part of the Convention included a mass meeting on Friday evening at which four persons from the Yugoslav Embassy were

guests -- [redacted]

----- (The latter two supposedly just came from Yugoslavia for this meeting -- [redacted] was a good friend of [redacted] in Yugoslavia -

[redacted] called him [redacted] probably a nickname. ---

Louis Adamic also spoke at this meeting. ---

The second day on Saturday there was a banquet for [redacted] and the members of the Embassy also participated in this banquet. --- ~~During~~

A packed house attended both the Mass Meeting and the Banquet

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Slovene Communist Party Bureau --

[redacted] 6/1/47
participation in the Slovenian American National Council (SANS)
other current information. report also includes information
on participation of Yugoslav Embassy members in ~~xxxxxx~~ work
on this committee.

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The members of the Slovene Communist Party Bureau met on Thursday,
Friday and Saturday evening --

Friday and Saturdays meetings were held in the Croatian Home Association
which is located on 63rd St. across the street from the Slovene Home. in
Cleveland, Ohio.

Friday session was held in the dining room and proceedings were
conducted by Matt Cvetic from Pittsburgh who was instrumental in getting
the membership together -- [redacted] also
were helpful as was [redacted] from Chicago, Ill.

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At Thursday nights meeting general work for the convention was
discussed

afternoon
At Friday ~~nights~~ meeting (at lunch) the following participated :



Matt Cvetic,



Pittsburgh

Chicago

Detroit

Detroit

Pittsburgh

Canada (Editor of Edinost)

Detroit

Barberton, Ohio
Cleveland, Ohio

Detroit, Mich

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At this meeting it was proposed by Matt Cvetic ~~xxx~~ that at least
four or five of the members should be put on the Executive Committee of SANS
if possible by [redacted] who were elected to
the Nominations Committee -- Proposed were [redacted] Cleveland,

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Matt Cvetic, Pittsburgh, [redacted] Chicago, [redacted] from
Detroit. It was further proposed after discussion that [redacted] from
Detroit (Party Sympahtizer and former member) should be ~~pro~~^{pro}posed as second
vice president.

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The meeting on Saturday was held on the second floor of the ~~XXXXXX~~
Croatian Home Association and was [redacted] -- At this
meeting an evaluation of the Convention was made and the following
participated:

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[redacted] from the Cleveland office of the Party
[redacted], Cleveland,

[redacted] Pittsburgh,

[redacted] Cleveland, (Former Party Member)
[redacted] Cleveland,

[redacted] Cleveland,

[redacted] New York
[redacted] Detroit, Mich.

[redacted] Detroit, Mich,

[redacted] Library, Pa. (friend of [redacted])

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Matt Cvetic, Pittsburgh, Pa.

[redacted] Chicago,

[redacted] Canada

[redacted] Barterton, Ohio.

[redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa.

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[redacted], Detroit, Mich.

[redacted] Detroit, Mich.

The complete meeting discussed the Convention and several criticized the
Slovenian Party Bureau for not getting a more forceful program in SANS
others called attention to the fact that ~~we~~^{they} have made some headway since
the last convention as at that convention ~~they~~^{we} could not influence the

as they had no representation. At this convention they had at least eight or nine of their members elected on the board and many of their sympathizers. After the meeting adjourned around 8:00 P.M. so that most of the members could attend a banquet for [] there was a two hour meeting with Hall, [] Cvetic, [] [] participating at which the situation was discussed. Gus Hall said that we have at least 50 Slovenes in the party and that [] has been instrumental in recruiting most of them into the party. He also felt the Slovene party members have done alright but that now we must organize a real Slovene Bureau national with officers who will be responsible for the work. He said that Steve Nelson was to be here for the Convention but that he sent a wire about a day or two before the convention and said he could not be here because he was sick. He also mentioned aside to one or two members that the National office thinks the Slovene work so important that it will put on a full time organizer to work in the Slovene field for four or six months if such a force can be found. He also stressed the responsibility of the Party members who were elected in directing the work of the SANS and also of building it into a real progressive organization. He felt good work was done in the Convention.

The proposals as formulated after the discussion were as follows:

On a proposal by [] from Canada who said the comrades in Canada instructed him to discuss with the Comrades in this country the possibility of taking over "Edinost" in the near future. This ~~was~~ situation developed according to [] because ~~they~~ they are losing many of their readers in the contingent of persons being recruited to go to Yugoslav. Some 1500 already have been recruited. Of these many are readers of the Edinost press. It was felt by the comrades here that enough subscriptions could be gotten to justify the press. The city mentioned was Cleveland, Ohio. At present it was brought out that there were between 300 and 500 subscribers for this newspaper in this country.

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The newspaper will be discussed at length.

The next proposal advanced by Gus Hall was that a conference be called (national) of our Yugoslav ~~xxxx~~ party members to discuss the problems which we have to contend with -- this conference will probably be called in Cleveland -- He said he will discuss with Steve Nelson the calling of such a conference.

They were going to have another meeting at 11:00 P.M. Saturday night but this meeting did not materialize.

Other things which I learned in the course of the day was that Matt Cvetic had a meeting in some Restaurant in Cleveland with Gus Hall around 1:15 P.M. on Saturday afternoon. Also that [] just returned from the Party School.

[] also brought out in discussion about the press that [] who is attached to the Yugoslav Embassy (now back in Yugoslavia) said that we need a Slovene Press here and that if necessary funds can be provided for such a newspaper.

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Also learned later that Matt Cvetic had a talk with [] from the Embassy and here Matt said to ?? that [] was very pleased that we got members into SANS and also that we must work in SANS and build it. [] SAID (ACCORDING TO MATT)
We must work in American Political field and also stress the Roosevelt-Wallace program -- He said we must work for 1948 elections. He said all members should go back to their cities and build their local SANS organizations. [] was also pleased according to Matt when Matt told him that "We now have around 200 Slovenes in the Party. -- [] asked Matt to visit him in Washington shortly and ~~xxx~~ they can discuss it there.

[] ~~asked Matt to~~ asked Matt if he saw Steve Nelson that he was supposed to be in Cleveland, [] said I saw Steve four or five days ago and he said he would be here but I haven't seen him. Matt said that he heard that Steve was sick and couldn't be here. [] told Matt to keep in touch with Steve and to discuss the work with him. --

Matt also said that Gus Hall said he asked Steve Nelson if Matt could come to Cleveland to work -- When Gus found out from Matt that Matt was considering leaving Slav Congress he said he's going to ask for him. (Matt ~~he~~ may be considered from the discussion for National Organizer for the Slovenes) --

Other persons who I saw in ~~the~~ Cleveland observing the Slovene Convention were: [redacted] Bartl from Pittsburgh, [redacted] from Cleveland -- [redacted] from the United Committee participated.

There was a meeting of the United Committee scheduled for Sunday ~~xx~~ and the members of the Embassay will stay over for this meeting. [redacted] [redacted] stressed the importance of the United Committee and said it must ~~stay~~ stay. He was very outspoken on this.

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TO : SAC

DATE: July 2, 1947

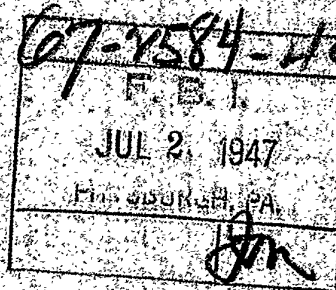
FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113
DATED JUNE 22 and JUNE 23, 1947

Appropriate memoranda have been dictated for pertinent files of individuals and organizations mentioned in the above reports.

These reports should now be filed in 67-2584.

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Communist Party of Western Penna.

[redacted] 6/22/47

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General Activities --

[redacted] Today he is busy preparing a letter on the Crucible Steel Situation -- This is the attack on the Communists in the Crucible local - [redacted] - by other members of the local. He has prepared a five or six page letter and ~~xxxxxx~~ in this letter ~~where~~ he answers the charges by calling attention to the bad record of those making the charges and of the good work of [redacted]

[redacted] The letter is set up to be signed by members of the Crucible Steel Co Steel Local in a way which would indicate that ~~we~~ the letter signed by them indicates their opinions. The typing work on the job was done by [redacted] in the Slav Congress Office. --

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[redacted] --- Spending time on general activities -- interested primarily in recruiting for the Party and the coming recruiting drive . ~~which will be the best thing~~ Impetus to this recruiting drive will be given ~~in~~ at the July 13th Conference of the Party.

[redacted] -- Seems to be busy on Controls and Control Meetings.

Roy Hudson -- Working on ~~the~~ Taft Hartley Bill and also planning Strategy for the Crucible Steel Local -- Met with Matt C. from Slav Congress and went to lunch with him to hear report on New York meeting.

[redacted] -- As always taking care of general office duties. --

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Thats All.

Financial
Statement

May, 1947

(6/22/47)

NET FINANCIAL STATEMENT
January 1 to May 31, 1947

Income:

Dues and Initiations		
Received	1853.82	
Pd. to Nat. Ofc	1046.68	807.14
Subsidy from National Office		2300.00
Sustaining Fund & Donations		995.15
District Affairs & Mass Mtgs.		316.59
Committee for Constitutional Rts.	7303.50	
Total Income	\$11722.38	\$11722.38

Expenses:

Wages	4470.00	
Withheld Tax	149.80	4320.20
Weekly Expenses		325.00
Subsidy for Negro Work		330.00
Meeting Expenses		133.69
Office Rent		390.00
Telephone & Telegraph		274.36
Postage		138.62
Office Supplies		143.20
Car Repairs & Maintenance		159.50
Traveling Expenses		504.49
Taxes		95.46
Radio		728.60
Printing		817.97
Workers for Distribution		330.57
Donations and Gifts		27.75
Steel Concentration		459.16
Loans		495.00
Veteran's Encampment		54.37
Moving Expenses		305.00
Petty Cash		15.00
Miscellaneous		82.96
Total Expenses	10130.90	\$10130.90
Excess of Income over Expenses		\$ 1591.48
Plus Balance, January 1st		1184.92
Balance, May 31st		\$ 2776.40

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Communist Party of Western Penna.

[redacted] 6/28/47

From a discussion I overheard between [redacted] and Matt Cvetick - Matt gave [redacted] a brief report on a meeting he attended in New York on Saturday night. --

He further told [redacted] that he had a short meeting with Steve Nelson and Steve proposed that perhaps Matt should go to Cleveland and work with the Slovenes there. ~~He said that~~ According to Matt Steve said that the National office has appropriated \$300 for Slovene work in the Party on the basis that the Cleveland Office put up \$300 and that the Slovenes raise \$300. He asked Matt, so he says whether he would go to Cleveland and work on that basis if agreeable to all persons ~~involved~~ involved. Another suggestion was that perhaps Matt could go to Cleveland and get a job selling and work in the Slovene movement part-time -- as Steve said he understood Matt could work as a Salesman. --

Steve further suggested to Matt that when he returns to Pittsburgh he writes to Gus and also has a talk with Roy about it see what they think. --

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - MAY 1947

	Total Receipts	Total Pd. Out	Net Receipts	Net Pd. Out
Dues and Init.	281.37	140.67	140.70	
National Office	500.00		500.00	
Dennis Meeting	475.00	419.71	55.29	
Winston Meeting	1.00		1.00	
Fighting Fund	3337.25		3337.25	
Wages		1069.95		1069.95
Weekly Expenses		60.00		60.00
Subsidy for Negro work		75.00		75.00
Meeting Expenses		3.00		3.00
Office Rent		90.00		90.00
Office Supplies		3.50		3.50
Telephone & Telegraph		61.19		61.19
Postage		30.37		30.37
Radio		292.40		292.40
Car Repairs		51.38		51.38
Travel Expenses	3.80	124.89		121.09
Printing		589.05		589.05
Workers for Distribution		249.05		249.05
Donations		6.00		6.00
Vets Encampment	245.63	300.00		54.37
Steel Concentration		253.60		253.60
Miscellaneous		21.75		21.75
Total	<u>4844.05</u>	<u>3841.96</u>	<u>4034.24</u>	<u>3032.15</u>
Total Receipts	4844.05	Net Receipts	4034.24	
Less Total Expenses	3841.96	Less Net Expenses	3032.15	
Balance for May	<u>1002.09</u>	Net for May	<u>1002.09</u>	

Balance, May 1st	1774.31
Plus Balance for May	<u>1002.09</u>
Balance, May 31st	<u>\$2776.40</u>

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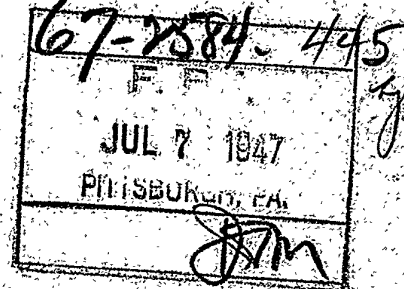
TO : SAC

DATE: July 2, 1947

FROM : J. T. MOONEY, SA

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113
DATED JUNE 25, 1947

Appropriate memoranda have been dictated for files of individuals mentioned in the above report. Same should now be filed in 67-2584.

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Communist Party of Western Penna. [redacted] 6/25/47
Meeting of Bureau and Actives to discuss
action in preent day struggle around the Taft-Hartley
Bill and the Miners' Strike - Discussion and conclusions
based on editorial in June 24th Daily Worker.

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The meeting of Bureau Members and Actives in the various Trade
Unions and Mass Organizations was Held in the Studio at 440 Wood St.
on Wednesday morning June 25th -- The meeting scheduled for 10:00 AM
got under way around 10:25 A.M. --

[redacted] of the meeting and the following
members participated:

Roy Hudson, District Chairman

[redacted] Ludovy Dennik

[redacted] AFL

Matt Svetic, Slav Congress

[redacted] District

Arthur Bartl, Narodni Glasnik

----- Ludovy Dennik

Male - name unknown

[redacted] District

[redacted] Steelworkers

[redacted] Negro

[redacted] Steelworkers

[redacted] 31st Dist.

[redacted] (probably from
out of town - baldheaded -
dark moustache - arranged to
call [redacted] later today.

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Roy Hudson made the ~~ix~~ report for action in the present day
struggle. His recommendations were as follows: Support the struggle
of the miners - protestuse of Taft-Hartley Bill against the Miners
and support their demands - Hudson said that the offers of the mine
owners so far have been for wage cuts and worstening of working condi-
tions. He also said the miners strike was a real rank and file
strike and was not ~~smig~~ engineered behind the scenes - he referred to
it as a political strike -- and also stressed the necessity now of
the communists giving them leadership in their strike. the urgency

and need for quick action was pointed out and also the comrades were told ~~xxx~~ to show the dangers facing the labor movement. get leaders of mass organizations such as Slav Congress to speak out condemning the ~~xx~~ action of Congress and to speak out in support of the miners.

Organize wherever possible shop gate meetings, mass demonstrations and otherwise agitate for a general strike against the Taft Bill and in support of the miners - keynote for the general strike - "Stay out until the Taft-Hartley Bill is repealed. --

Tie in the whole struggle and develop support for Wallace and the Third Party Movement.

Utilize Murrays statement on "Holding Democratic Party responsible" for present situation.

There was discussion on the report in which everyone participated but [] friend from Ludovy Dennik and []

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In answer to a question on the Communists holding office in Unions Roy said that no communist should resign from his post. To point out to reactionary labor leaders that they are playing right into the hands of the reactionaries by ~~xxxxx~~ fighting against the Communists. Also point out that the fight against the Communists is ~~xxxxxxxx~~ contradictory where on one hand they labor leaders are against the Taft-Hartley Bill and on the other hand they work to support it by fed-baiting.

After the meeting which adjourned at 12:35 the Bureau held a seaparate meeting --

Today a person by the name of [] (name may be a fake) who said he was out in Lawrenceville called the office of the CP and asked for Roy Hudson. He called several times. .

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

1005 BERGER BLDG. — PITTSBURGH 19, PA.

Phone ATlantic 6958

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MATTHEW CVETIC Executive Secretary

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June 1947

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Draga braco i sestre:

Kongres Americkih Slavena u Zapadnoj Pennsylvaniji apelira na vas da pomognete financirati njegov rad kroz iduca dva mjeseca. Mi cemo kroz ovo vrijeme izvesti program, koji ce pojacati nasu organizaciju i omoguciti joj da igra svoju ulogu medju americkim narodom u ovom kriticonom vremenu.

Nakon nase uspjesne konferencije u februaru mi smo aktivnim radom uspjeli da nas Kongres visoko istaknemo pred narodom Zapadne Pennsylvanije. Bili smo na radio, u novinama, odrzali Roosevelt Memorial Meeting i na druge nacine dosli pred narod. Ali sve to jos nije dosta.

Ako ste slusali Radio Stanicu WEDO u McKeesport, Pa. na 16. juna u 8:15 na vecer, gdje smo dali program "IF YOU WORK FOR A LIVING", onda ste cuili za kakve svrhe mi trosimo novac. Mi namjeravamo imati redoviti tjedni program iduce jeseni, koji ce se zvati "IF YOU WORK FOR A LIVING" na kojem cemo govoriti narodu Zapadne Pennsylvanije o svemu sto utice na njegov zivot.

Sve ovo iziskuje novaca kroz iduca dva mjeseca, tako da mozemo izvesti plan koji ce pojacati nasu organizaciju, a to ce znaciti pojacanje svih narodnih organizacija, ukljuciv i vasu.

Uz ovo pismo prilazemo program kojeg namjeravamo izvesti. Iz njega mozete vidjeti da mi ne namjeravamo mirovati u ovim burnim danima. Americki Slaveni narocito treba ju priznati vaznost nasog rada i pomoci nam.

Mnogi od vas sto nam pomagali dobrovoljno i prije. Mi od vas trazimo da to ucinito i sada. Ono sto dadete biti ce za vasu zastitu, za zastitu Ameriko i svijeta. Vi hocete demokraciju, mir i saradnju sa svim slobodoljubcim nacijama; to je nas cilj i sada stoji na vama da nam pomognete u radu.

Bratski vam pozdrav

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Capt. DSC,

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Hgh, Pa.
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MATTHEW. CVETIC, Executive Secretary

June, 1947

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania makes a direct appeal to you for funds to carry our work through June and July. We are now engaged in a program for the next six weeks that will strengthen your organization and lay a democratic foundation among the American people for the critical months ahead.

Since our successful February Conference in Pittsburgh we have carried on a program to bring the face of our Congress before the people of Western Pennsylvania. The press, radio and all forms of expression including mass meetings (such as the Roosevelt Memorial Meeting of April 13) have been developed, but not as much as we would like.

If you listened to radio Station WEDO, McKeesport, Pa. on June 16 at 8:15 p.m. to our program, "IF YOU WORK FOR A LIVING," you would hear how well we make use of our money. We plan to have a permanent weekly radio program in the Fall entitled, "IF YOU WORK FOR A LIVING," to tell all the people of Western Pennsylvania of what affects their livelihood.

All this takes money and for the next two months we have outlined a program that will strengthen your lodge and all people's organizations and raise the voice of America.

Attached to this letter is what we plan to do during June and July. You can see that we do not intend to rest or vacation during these alarm-filled days. Slavic Americans, especially, should recognize the importance of our work.

Many of you have helped us willingly on different occasions and we ask you to do the same by return mail. What you give is for your protection, for that of America and the world. You want democracy, peace and co-operation with all peace-loving nations; that is our goal and now it is up to you.

Countersigned:

Fraternally yours,

Capt., DSC,

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(Tear off and mail with your check)

Amount..... (\$100.00)
(\$50.00)
(\$25.00)

Individual or Lodge Name.....

Address.....

Donor's or Officer's Signature.....

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PENNA.
1005 Berger Building,
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

JUNE AND JULY PROGRAM

1. We are in the midst of a strenuous campaign against the anti-labor Taft-Hartley bill. Hundreds of petitions, completely signed, have been sent to the President. We have made public statements to the press, our radio program, "IF YOU WORK FOR A LIVING" on WEDO in McKeesport, and we are urging Mayor Lawrence to urge for a veto of this measure.
2. Already we have been in the field, visiting localities; some of them for the past week; Farrell, Pa., Wilmerding, Pa., etc., all to organize local Slav Congress Committees in Western Pennsylvania.
3. The Bureau of Immigration in Youngstown, Ohio is questioning and intimidating fourteen Croatian Americans of Farrell, Pa. who have applied for citizenship papers as long ago as 1939. We visited Farrell ten days ago to bring this issue before the Community and Western Pennsylvania. A Slav Congress Committee of Farrell and Mercer County is in the process of organization and every effort is being made to protect their democratic rights. To build a common defense for them, and remember, for you, will take money.
4. Buy permanent radio time on a yearly basis for a 15-minute Sunday afternoon program entitled, "IF YOU WORK FOR A LIVING."
5. Prepare for a rally in September or October to greet Henry A. Wallace when he arrives. An American Slav Congress banquet in his honor is planned.
6. The Slav Congress City Committee of Pittsburgh is planning a picnic where we shall have a good time and have the opportunity to get acquainted with each other's families, dance and have the fun which is so necessary to understanding.
7. We fought the Bender Thought Control in the Pennsylvania Senate and House and we are happy to tell you that our work was a contributing factor in having the infamous Bill killed in the Senate Committee.
8. Plans are being laid for a Conference of all Slavic American leaders in July to solidly prepare the city and regional organization for the 1948 elections. 1948 is America's crossroads and you must take your part as an American.
9. A Magazine and publications on both a national and local scale will be issued. The first issue of "SLAVIC AMERICAN" from New York will be out this month. Locally, we are particularly interested in preparing a pamphlet exposing Representative McDowell from Wilkesburg who is a member of the House Un-American Affairs Committee and who has already shown himself as no friend of Slavic Americans.

DEFEND YOUR RIGHTS AND FREEDOM



The enactment of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Bill is a vicious attack on the labor movement and American liberties. Big Business will use it to slash the workers' wages and to undermine every labor organization. It will be used to weaken the growing opposition to Wall Street's program of world domination and imperialist war. Every liberty-loving citizen in our country and throughout the world will be shocked at this sinister action. No wonder the reactionaries rejoice. It is a long step towards fascism in this country.

But the glee of the reactionaries may prove to be premature. This law is not only unconstitutional and un-American but is also unworkable. It is nonsense to suppose that American workers will meekly submit to this assault against the union shop, the re-introduction of anti-labor injunctions, the political disfranchisement of organized labor, the denial of the workers' right to elect their own union leaders, the initiation of virtual government control over the labor movement. 15,000 of these being distributed in W.Pa. 6/25/47

THE WORKERS WILL DEFEND THEIR TRADE UNIONS. They will not rest content until this infamous law is wiped from the statute books.

THE WITCH-HUNTING CLAUSE

The clause aimed against Communists should be understood for what it is: a means through which the union-busters will strive to introduce witch-hunting and thought-control in the entire labor movement and deny the workers the right to choose their own leaders. Does anyone really believe the voice of Communists or other progressives can be stifled by such means? We think not. But unionists should realize that if they intend to defend their own rights as union people, they must defend the constitutional rights of ALL intended victims of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The enactment of this Slave Labor bill marks a turning point in the history of the labor movement and our country. Now the workers, more than ever, will see the need to unite their labor unions into a solid fighting front. Now they will develop independent political action as never before. The Republican Party spearheaded this outrageous attack upon the American people, but the Democratic Party clearly failed the people in this crisis. The workers will hold both parties responsible.

IMMEDIATE TASK IS ACTION

The big immediate task is ACTION, more action than ever, to continue the fight. A let-down would only play into the hand of reaction. A united front of labor and other groups among the common people should now take shape as a united defense against every attempt to use the bill against labor and the people. We think that a joint conference of AFL-CIO-Railroad Brotherhood unions is an immediate necessity. A joint campaign of all labor unions for the repeal of this law and constitutional test of its provisions is another urgent task. And it should be clear to all that labor and all freedom-loving people must stick together and work together on a program for the 1948 elections. No reliance on the two parties of Wall Street! For a people's party in '48!

RALLY TO SUPPORT OF MINERS

At this moment the Taft-Hartley Act is a grave threat to the just demands of the miners.

All of labor and the common people must back up the miners' fight. Don't let the Taft-Hartley Act be used to smash the miners' union! Back up their present militant action against wage cuts, for shorter hours and their protest against the Slave Labor Law!

United action and trade union unity can still defeat Big Business!

Defend the rights of labor and all the people!

Workers! Defend your unions!

READ **THE WORKER** A WEEKLY LABOR NEWSPAPER

— A Real Defender of Labor —

Send for a Free Sample Copy to the Above Address or Call ATLantic 0931

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: July 2, 1947

FROM : J. T. MOONEY, SA

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113
DATED JUNE 26 and JUNE 29, 1947

Appropriate memoranda for files of individuals mentioned in the
above reports have been dictated.

Same should be filed in 67-2584.

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F. I. SEARCH, PA.	
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Crucible Steel Co. Steelworkers Local #1276
Communist Party Activities.

[redacted] 6/26/47

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On June 25th and June 26th 1947 [redacted] was busy preparing a letter for distribution in front of Crucible Steel Co. plant gates.

The letter was in ~~in~~ answer to the charges against [redacted] and was in three pages. ~~xxx~~ The letter prepared by [redacted]

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[redacted] carried the signatures (typewritten) of [redacted]

[redacted] In addition to the three page letter a two page letter bearing the charges against [redacted] was attached.

The finished product included therefore a total of five pages.

The stenciling work and part of the mimeograph work was done in the office of the American Slav Congress by [redacted] and Matt Cvetic. The balance of the mimeographing and ~~xxxx~~ stapling was done in the District office of UE - Room 549 Wabash Bldg. where

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[redacted] Matt Cvetic and [redacted] completed the

job. The job was finished around 2:10 and [redacted] took

three bundles with him took a cab in front of [redacted] and

proceeded to the Crucible Steel Plant at Smallman Street where ne was to be met by two or three helpers for the distribution work.

Understand the letter created quite a stir. The distribution took place the afternoon of June 26th at the afternoon shifts.

Also overheard a conversation/where ^{same day 6/26} [redacted]

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made the remark that ~~xxx~~ "His wife remarked to someone on their ~~line~~ that as long as they were tapping their line they should pay half the bill! He intimated that someone must have been listening to his phone - He said he had the phone in four months and this has been going on for 3 months.

[redacted]

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF, Inc.

235 EAST 11TH STREET, NEW YORK 3, N. Y. ★ ALGONQUIN 4-8001
WAREHOUSE: 655 EDGEcombe AVENUE, NEW YORK 32, N. Y.

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
Honorary Chairman

ZLATKO BALOKOVIC
President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 24, 1947

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Mr. Matthew Cvetic [redacted] 6/26/47
American Committee for Yugoslav Relief
Pittsburgh Chapter
1005 Berger Building
Pittsburgh, Penna.

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Dear Matt:

I have resigned as executive director of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief as of June 20 and at this time want to send you my personal thanks for the cooperation you have always given me and the staff.

The Committee will continue with its all-important work. Despite magnificent progress in the reconstruction of the country. Yugoslavia still has tremendous health problems. The fight against diseases which are a heritage of the war must go on and can be won most quickly only with the wholehearted help of Yugoslavia's friends in other countries.

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I know that you will remain an active friend of the wonderful Yugoslav peoples and will help the Committee in its work among the people of the United States. It was fine thing for me to have had the opportunity of working with you.

Sincerely,

Nat. Einhorn
Nat. Einhorn
Executive Director

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6-27-47
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U.S. mails.
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SPONSORS (Partial List)

NAT. EINHORN, Executive Director

"... it is our ardent desire to assist the people of Yugoslavia to recover from the ravages of war. . . ."— PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

Communist Party of Western Pen a.

[redacted] 6/29/47

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Control Commission.

For the past week or ten days the Control Commission of the Party has been checking the books of each club in The Pittsburgh District. The process ~~which~~ included auditing the books of each club since the first of January 1947 - discuss with the president and secretary the functioning of the club -- and dealt with ~~the~~ ~~problems of certain members who for some reason or other~~ ~~some~~ specific membership problems of club members --

On Thursday evening June 27th., 1947 at [redacted]

[redacted] the Commission checked the books of the East End Club, and the Lawrenceville Club. For the Control Commission Andrea Hudson,

[redacted] ----- (a sallow complected ~~xxvixm~~ ~~male~~ male with a large protruding tooth in ~~he~~ the center of his upper jaw, and [redacted]

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For the Lawrenceville Club [redacted] and Matt Cvetic participated and for the East End Club [redacted]

[redacted] During the evening [redacted] mentioned that she was resigning as Membership Secretary of the East End Club. ---

[redacted] CARRIES ALL THE RECORDS IN A PAPER SHOPPING BAG ** SHE SAID THIS IS NOT AS CONSPICUOUS AS A BRIEF CASE BUT IS VERY IN* CONVENIENT. --

[redacted] -
Member Communist Party --

[redacted] 6/29/47

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On Saturday afternoon [redacted] Matt Cvetic and [redacted] went out to Glen Hazel for the ~~xxxx~~ purpose of discussing talking with a negro friend of [redacted] ~~in~~ who works in Pressed Steel Car Co. ~~xxxxxxx~~ and ask him to join the party. This friend's name was [redacted] (Will get full name later). This effort is a part of the plan to organize a Communist Club in the Pressed Steel Car Company. [redacted] didn't join but he agreed to attend meetings with the Communists to discuss work in the shop -- he may join later. They agreed that they would call a meeting for Saturday July 12th --

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[redacted] SAID HIS FATHER WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY *
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HE SAID ~~XXXXXX~~ HIS FATHER WAS IN SLOVAKIA/AND EXPECTED TO GO THERE AGAIN SHORTLY. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE SLOVAK PRIEST REV. ~~xxxx~~ ----- WHO ATTENDED THE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS - NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK LAST SEPTEMBER -- AND WHO IS WORKING FOR ONE OF OUR PAPERS NOW IS THE LEADER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AMONGST THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS IN ~~THE~~ SLOVAKIA. -- This priest was a visitor with others from the Slav Countries of Europe -- .

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SAC, New York

July 8, 1947

SAC, Pittsburgh

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Under date of June 26, 1947, Confidential Informant C-113 made available to this office a letter dated June 24, 1947 which he had received from NAT EINHORN, Executive Director of the above organization.

In the above-mentioned letter, EINHORN advised that he had resigned as Executive Director of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief as of June 20, 1947.

The above is furnished for your information.

JTM:AOB

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cc: 67-2584 ✓ - 447
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: **FBI WA 0711**

FBI PITTSBURGH 7-10-47 AM EDST CC

DIRECTOR URGENT

MATTHEW CVETIC, PITTSBURGH CNDI C DASH ONE ONE THREE. INFORMANT INVITED TO ATTEND MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD, SLOVENIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON JULY NINETEEN NEXT. INFORMANT PLANS TO LEAVE PITTSBURGH ON NIGHT OF JULY SEVENTEEN FOR CAUCUS MEETINGS ON JULY EIGHTEEN IF BUREAU AUTHORIZES ATTENDANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES IN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

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Approved:
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 4:20 PM

Per

July 9, 1947

MEMO, SAC

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113

On July 7, 1947 the writer was advised by the above informant that he had accepted a position with the Western Pa. District office of the CP. Said position is of a temporary nature and entails the organization of the CP picnic which is to be held at Linden Grove, Castle Shannon in September, 1947 ostensibly by the labor and press committees.

Informant will receive a salary of \$50.00 per week from the Party during the course of the above employment.

It is the informant's belief that on the completion of the above task he will be assigned other duties by the District office of the CP and will become a regular employee of same.

JAMES T. MOONEY
SA

JTM:mwd

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SAC, Cleveland

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SAC, Pittsburgh

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Confidential Informant C-113, whose identity is known to the Bureau, has advised that the above named subject, a key figure of the Pittsburgh Division, is presently residing at [REDACTED]. Her telephone number at the above address is [REDACTED].

It is requested that your office verify subject's residence as set out above and advise this office accordingly.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

DATE: July 15, 1947

SUBJECT: ANTHONY PAUL MINERICH was.
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On July 15, 1947, Confidential Informant C-113 furnished the writer with a postcard he had received from the above subject, presently in Yugoslavia. Said card bore postmark at Zagreb, Yugoslavia. Subject indicated that he intends to return to the United States sometime in July, 1947.

The above card is being placed in the 1-A Exhibit Serial of Subject's file inasmuch as it contains handwriting specimens of Subject.

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JUL 15 1947
Philadelphia, PA.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

DATE: July 11, 1947

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT
DATED JULY 9, 1947b6
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Memoranda have been dictated for appropriate individual files of persons mentioned in the above report. Said report and the attached exhibit should be placed in file 67-2584.

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Communist Party of Pittsburgh -
Meeting of Executive Comm.

[redacted] 7/9/47

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The Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Pgh. met in
the Studio at 440 Wood St. on Wed : July 9th. 1947 at 8:00 P.M.

The following participated:

[redacted]

[redacted] for the District

[redacted] for the District

[redacted] - Penn Twp.

James Dolsen - Northside

[redacted] - Southside.

[redacted] Crucible.

----- (Male) Northside - husky - member AFL - Union??

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[redacted] --
Matt Svetic -- Lawrenceville

[redacted] -- Hill Club

[redacted] -- Food

----- Male - Food Br. came in with Lazari

[redacted] -- Lawrenceville

[redacted] -- Professional --

[redacted] gave the main report which dealt with the Taft-Hartley
Bill and stressed the necessity of continued struggle against the
Bill -- He dealt with the Third Party movement and also the Wallace
for President movement.

Discussion was participated in by [redacted] Svetic,
Dolsen, [redacted] gave several proposals after
the discussion. [redacted] in his discussion said the Executive
Board proposed for the consideration of the Executive Committee.

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the running of Communist Candidates in the Fall Elections. According to [] the Board wants the Party to consider running a Communist for City Council and also a Communist for the Board of County Commissioner. This motion was passed, after [] put this forth as a proposal -- This will be contingent on ~~weather weather weather future~~ status of the Third Party Movement later. It was further proposed by [] that a Campaign Manager be appointed for the City and that the Clubs immediately work out plans for the elections in their respective communities. Particularly importance was stressed on the role of ~~the labor~~ Labor in the Third Party Movement.

During the meeting James Dolsen announced that Ed Horachek, a member of the Northside Club died on Sunday -- Funeral Services were held this evening for Ed. Horachek according to Dolsen -- He apparently died of a stroke -- He was ~~reported to be~~ 75 years of age at death.

[] in making announcements stressed the importance of the "WOMEN'S CONFERENCE and also asked that every Club elect at least two of their members as delegates to this Conference. --

[] also announced that a Picnic would be held at Linden Grove Park in Castle Shannon and also that a Car would be raffled. He said the raffle tickets would be distributed at the Sunday Conference.

[] further announced that the Communist Party has been invited to participate in a series of 8 Broadcasts over Station KQV on the "On the Spot" Program. This Friday, he announced, ~~that~~ [] and Jim Dolsen would be on the program opposed by [] and

[] gave a report on recruiting and reported that 9(nine) new members have been recruited in the City in the last week of June and the first nine days in July - Three of these are from J & L -- one is a negro who belong to the Community Action Council; one from Crucible --

~~add~~ and one from Penn Township --

It was also announced that there would be a program at the Park in Northside sponsored by the Northside Communist Club at which would speak. (Announcement previously submitted).

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The meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

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426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

July 3, 1947

TO ALL CLUBS

Dear Comrades:

This is to inform you that the coming meeting of the District Committee will have as a special point on the order of business the question of building and strengthening the Party. Here we will have reports on the results of our experiences so far in building the Party, and outline our further plans. The tasks facing labor and the people in the light of the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act, and the coming election campaign are such that a major effort upon our part to build and strengthen our Party is essential in helping to guarantee the solution of all problems related to the struggle to defend democracy, progress and peace. We feel that our discussion on this point will be most productive if we can draw upon the experiences of the entire membership.

Therefore we recommend that all clubs, where they meet in the next week, should decide who they wish to send to this conference. We recommend that the branches should consider as a minimum that the Executive should attend and all other comrades who have produced results in the Party's building effort. In those cases where no meeting of the clubs is scheduled, we urge that the club presidents and executives discuss and make arrangements to insure a maximum attendance from their club to this conference. We recognize that the time element is such that we can guarantee the broadest possible participation in this conference only if emergency steps are taken by the club. We are sure that everyone will appreciate that the conference will be of such importance that there will be understanding of the need to take measures that insure its success.

The conference will be on Sunday, July 13th at 1:30 P.M. You will be notified of the place of the meeting in another communication.

Comradely yours,

[redacted]
for the District Board

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Rec'd from [signature]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: July 15, 1947

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]
DATED JULY 2, 1947

Appropriate memoranda have been dictated for the files of individuals mentioned in the above report.

The above report and attached exhibits should be placed in file 67-2584.

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American Slav Congress of W.Pa.
Executive Committee Meeting.

[redacted] 7/2/47

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The Executive Committee of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania met in Parlor "C" Of the Fort Pitt Hotel on Tuesday Evening, July 1st, 1947 at 8:00 P.M. The following attended:

Matt Cvetic, Vice Pres. and Chairman of meeting

[redacted]
[redacted] Croatian Council of Pittsburgh -

[redacted] Croatian Council (Natl. Body)

Arthur Bartl, Dalmatian Club of Pgh - Narodni Glasnik
[redacted] Slobodna Rec.

[redacted] Serbian IWO

[redacted] Narodni Glasnik,

[redacted] Iron City Progressive Club

[redacted], Russian IWO

[redacted] Croatian Ladies Soc Club Lawrenceville.

[redacted] of Boston, Mass. (last name not

In addition a [redacted] certain) who are visiting relatives in Yukon, Pa. stopped in to say ~~my~~ hello during the meeting - [redacted] is a Slovenian who used to work in ~~the~~ the Mines in Westmoreland County and is a member of the Communist Party - He used to work in the movement here when [redacted] was Editor of "Naprej" Slovene Communist Press - He knows [redacted] very well -- From here they will go to Detroit, Michigan and return to Yukon, Pa. on Tuesday of next week. -- ~~His~~ wife [redacted] also is ~~an~~ a party member.--

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The attached agenda was discussed at the meeting and proceedings ~~announced~~ are herewith noted and also conclusions reached.

On the Fund appeal [redacted] reported that letters went out to the Croatian and Slovene Lodges and Clubs signed by the Croatian and Slovene leaders -- Letters were in both English and in ~~language~~ Croatian and Slovene Language. As a result of these letters a sum of over ~~\$200~~ \$400.00 came in, in the month of June. Letters are now being prepared for the Serbian Lodges and Clubs and also the Slovaks. These will go out in a day or two. The Serbian Letter will be signed by [redacted]

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[redacted] further reported that letters will go out to Poles, Russians and other nationality groups as soon as possible. On getting the names of the unions [redacted] proposed that a double-card with a return address be sent by the language press to the readers in Western Penna. asking them what union they belong to and other salient information about their unions. In this way [redacted] feels a fairly complete file of W.Pa. Unions can be made up - These lists are not made available to anyone by the local unions.

On the Radb Program [redacted] Matt Cvetic, [redacted] [redacted] were set up as a radio committee to find out what kind of a program can be worked out. Many suggestions were advanced, from organizing an American Slav Congress Radb Club charging a \$1. membership to getting advertisers to finance the Radio Hour. A fifteen minute or a thirty minute program was discussed. It was also suggested that local Pittsburgh Stations be obtained for the broadcast as out of town Stations are not listened to in Pittsburgh -- ~~WEDoxinxMcKewenpark~~

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On the Farrell, Pa. cases [redacted] reported visiting Farrell and talking to some of the people there. A meeting is to be arranged by

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the committee in farrell, Pa. -- [] will again visit Farrel, Pa. shortly on this. It was pointed out in the meeting that we must be careful not to misrepresent the status of the cases -- [] pointed out that the people in Farrell are not being denied papers but that the action of the Department of Justice and the Immigration authorities is such that there is an "Intent to Deny" -- so he advised caution on this to be sure we are correct.

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[] reported further that ~~pi~~ Matt and he visited Pittsburgh New Kensington and McKeesport and that picnics ~~xxx~~ are in the process of being arranged in these towns for the Slav Congress.

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A new addressograph, filing cabinet and other equipment has been purchased by the office, [] reported.

A proposed conference of Croatian Americans in Western Penna. which was originally to be held in July will be held in the latter part of August according to Arthur Bartl who said that the committee including [] himself and one other member decided. The exact date will be decided upon on Saturday.

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It was further proposed and voted that an Affiliation Certificate be printed and that organizations who are ~~xxx~~ affiliated with us be issued these certificates in the proper manner. This was proposed so that in case [] or anyone wants to know about our membership we will have these Affiliation Certificates to show.

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On the political report [] felt the Congress was not ready to take a part in the Coming elections and that we should save our strength and work toward the forty-eight elections. After discussions it was decided that we must participate in this years elections --the extent of which we can decide later. --

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Communist Party of W.Pa.
General

[redacted] 7/2/47

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The permit for the picnic at Linden Grove Park scheduled for Labor Day September 1st 1947 was received by [redacted] today. the picnic is being conducted in the name of the Labor Press Committee- the same as last year. The organization committee discussed the possibility of getting Matt Svetic ~~whom~~ to work on the picnic fulltime. The cost of the picnic grounds is \$100.00 and the further stipulations call for the use of two policeman from the Borough of Castle Shannon to keep order for \$10.00 each. [redacted] is busy ~~xx~~ trying to get a car to raffle off -- no success yet. -- [redacted] discussed this with Matt and he said he would talk to [redacted] and see if he could get a Ford from him.

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District Conference

A district conference is scheduled for July 13th, 1947 -- All Day. Place later --- This is a district conference of the Communist Party of Western Penna. --

On Wednesday July 2nd. 1947 saw the following members of the Communist Party and friends outside of the Bakewell Bldg. talking -- Roy Hudson, [redacted] Matt Cvetic, [redacted] [redacted] (UE) -- Couldn't get much of the conversation but heard Roy Hudson tell [redacted] and Matt that he heard they had a good Executive Committee meeting of the Slav Congress last night and I saw him shaking hands with both of them. --

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International Workers Order

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The National offices of the International workers Order will be moved effective August 1st. 1947 ---

From conversation I overheard the Slovak and Serbian sections will move their offices to New York City New York.

The Ukrainian and the Jewish section will move out to the Jewish Fraternal Center in Squirrel Hill --

The offices at the Columbia Bldg will be given up.

The reason not given.

From conversations overheard I understand that [redacted]
[redacted] have been relieved of their official duties with the Slovak Section -- Replacements unknown. --

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Communist Party of W.Pa.
Security --

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Matt Svetic who works with the Slav Congress was in our office today and wrote the attached letter on the Underwood typewriter which we have in our office. He was in here on Tuesday July 1st. and talked to Roy about the letter.

Roy Hudson said the letter was alright and he agreed with all the points in it but he said we must be more careful than ever what we put in letters. He suggested to Matt that he writes the letter and rewords it. He suggested he writes to Steve and tell him that ne met with [REDACTED] and that there are one or two important things which must be discussed and suggest a meeting in the near future on them. He said that Steve would understand alright.

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Matt then told roy thats why he discussed the letter with him as he didn't want to mail it without talking to him about it first. Matt then crumpled the letter and threw it in the wastebasket --

Dear Steve:

I met with [] and we discussed what we felt were our most immediate and important problems.

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1. SANS Proposed program - relief, cultural, educational
2. Executive Secretary for SANS.
3. Political program - on domestic and foreign issues
4. Organizational Plans

We feel that the way we can involve the broadest forces possible in the work of SANS we must organize some form of activity in the way of help for the Slovene people in Yugoslavia -- this could be in the way of raising funds for a health, cultural or educational project. our Slovene people would ~~very~~ co-operate on such an undertaking, and this would help to build SANS.

Second the executive committee will be called together shortly we understand and the question of an Executive Secretary will be decided. We have had some discussions on this. Since the organizational work will be the executive secretary's responsibility it is important that we give this question the broadest possible consideration.

A political program must be developed built around the domestic and foreign issues. For the first time we have been able to move the Slovenes as a group on a domestic issue - the Taft Hartley Bill -- Now I feel we can, with proper work, organize our people in support of Henry Wallace and for the 1948 Elections.

On organization. While it is true we have been able to raise very much relief through SANS the past several months and to organize our people on this basis at present there is really no prospectives for SANS due to lack of program and as a result our committees have been deteriorating -- this can be changed.

In addition we discussed how to best plan our other work and to build our own organization.

We think a meeting of our leading ~~workable~~ friends should be held either in Pittsburgh or Cleveland in the very near future. Perhaps in the next two or three weeks. - We would suggest July 20th or 27th. At any rate this meeting should be called before the Executive Committee of SANS gets together - otherwise I am afraid we may fumble the ball. We certainly should come to this meeting with suggestions and a program.

On the question you raised in New York - I think it best if this waits until we are able to get together for a proper discussion -- I am sending a copy of this to G. in Cleveland -- and it is suggested too that he attends the proposed meeting.

Matt.

[redacted] is permanently located in Cleveland, Ohio -- He visits Pittsburgh approximately once a month. He has moved his family to Cleveland. His address:

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426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

June 30, 1947

Dear Comrade:

Enclosed you will find a letter which was sent to the District Board by the East End Club. The District Board welcomes this letter and the main point it makes even though we may differ in view on secondary aspects of it. There have been other letters, but far too few and they are most helpful in improving the work of our Party when the Clubs feel the responsibility to evaluate each event - appreciate all factors and offer practical, feasible suggestions for improvement.

We assure all comrades that these suggestions as well as others we have gotten will be realized to the degree we can in the future meetings. Any other remarks the Clubs may have are most welcome.

We express our appreciation for this letter to the East End Club.

Comradely,

for the District Board

Roy Hudson

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C O P Y

To Members of the District Bureau:

[redacted] 7/2/47

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The membership of the East End Club would like to extend congratulations to the Comrades of Western Pennsylvania for their excellent work in making the attendance at the May Day Rally a success. Our congratulations go also to Roy Hudson for discussing the actions of such men as [redacted] When the people realize who their enemies are, they are better prepared to fight for their human rights which [redacted] would destroy. Congratulations go also to [redacted] for stressing the importance of passing an FEPC bill that will uphold the rights of all minorities; to [redacted] for speaking on the problems of Veterans and for speaking most effectively about our beloved Comrades killed in action in this war against fascism.

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While our May Day Rally had many good things to offer, we'd like to discuss the meeting as a whole. Because our public meetings are held so infrequently, we feel that they must be used as a means to educate and convince new contacts that our Party champions the cause of freedom and democracy for all people. These public meetings should be a great help to us in recruiting new members. In order to accomplish this, more time and greater effort should go into the planning of such an affair. We need a planning committee that would keep in mind the composition of the audience. Our May Day audience was an excellent one. Three-fourths of the people seemed to be workers in basic industry. A great percentage of these workers were probably non-Party people who came out of curiosity to hear what our much publicized Eugene Dennis had to say. It is our opinion that we did not take full advantage of such a marvelous opportunity.

We have a problem in Pittsburgh that must be faced realistically by all. The problem is that we do not have especially good platform orators in our local leadership. If this fact is recognized, it is easily understood why a program which includes 3 local speakers plus a main speaker is much too long. All of us realize there are many important issues that must be aired to further the understanding of the fascistic trend in our country today. We also realize that new contacts in an audience cannot grasp in one evening the full impact of every important question facing us today. We propose that the scheduled speakers single out "the questions" of the moment and that the written texts be exchanged between the speakers to avoid unnecessary repetition. We feel that if those facts are taken into consideration when planning our next public rally it can be a great success. This will solve the embarrassing situation of people walking out before the end of the meeting.

The membership of the East End Club thinks that the most serious error of the entire meeting was the complete failure on the part of [redacted] to rally the people in the fight against the un-American committee for their most un-American actions. Here was the opportunity to dramatize and use effectively the fact the Dennis was arrested and denied an appearance here. However, much to our sorrow, very little was done to rally 900 people in this fight against sheer un-Americanism and native fascism.

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We seriously urge that the points raised in this letter be discussed and considered so that our next rally can be truly successful from all angles. The people of this district have not been frightened away by the big red scare -- they helped pack our hall. It is our duty to educate and recruit them so that we can better fight for our rights as free Americans.

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East End Club

P.S. In the event of setting up a planning committee for our next open meeting, we propose that one or more members of each club in our District serve on that committee. We can reach the goal we seek if the planning committee represents the entire membership of our District Bureau.

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Think from
at Pittsburgh
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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

1005 BERGER BLDG. — PITTSBURGH 19, PA.

Phone ATLantic 6958

Honorary Chairmen

MATTHEW CVETIC, Executive Secretary

June 26, 1947

7/2/47

MEETING NOTICE

The Executive Committee of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania will hold a meeting next Tuesday, July 1, 1947 at 8 p.m. in Parlor "C" in the Fort Pitt Hotel.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Fund appeal to Nationality Groups:
 - a. Croatsians, Slovaks, Slovenes, Serbs, Independent Clubs, IWO - these completed.
 - b. Necessity to enlarge list of contacts in Polish, Russian, and Carpatho Russian groups.
 - c. Necessity of securing names and addresses of all unions in Western Pennsylvania, and suggested means of how it can be done.
2. Radio program, "IF YOU WORK FOR A LIVING"
 - a. Annual basis on 15-minute weekly broadcast.
3. Farrell, Pa. cases:
 - a. Visit to Farrell.
 - b. Work done to interest Jewish and Negro groups.
 - c. Invitation to national publicity.
4. Picnics to be held at New Kensington and McKeesport.
5. Preparatory organizing done at: Farrell, Wilmerding, Turtle Creek Valley, New Kensington and McKeesport.
6. Office reorganization - purchase of equipment and files for systematic mailings.
7. Conference of Croatian Americans in Western Pa. for sometime in July - to be decided.
8. Affiliation - official certificates to be prepared for every organization to link up with the American Slav Congress.
9. Discussion on wide regional Conference of all Slavic Americans in Western Pa. - suggested late in Fall.
10. Political Report by Secretary.

Fraternally yours,

7-7-47
Rec'd from
ad. [unclear]
[signature]

July 2, 1947

To All Club Executives and Section Committees:

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American monopoly capital, now the world center of reaction, looks to carry through its foreign program of world domination by a domestic program of repression. It is not an accident that the NAM has appropriated millions of dollars in 1947 to "service" women's clubs and organizations with programs, speakers, film strips, printed material, etc. This attempt to capture women in the U.S. for the service of reaction bears a direct relationship to the realities of today.

46 million American women are eligible to vote.

16 million American women are wage-earners. Over 1/5th of these are heads of families.

3½ million are in the organized trade union movement.

37 million are housewives, in the industrial and rural neighborhoods.

(figures from Women's Place in the Fight for a Better World by E. G. Flynn)

Women, in this critical period can and will be a force for democracy in their organizations, in their shops and clubs, and in their communities. The District Committee is therefore calling a conference on work among women for:

Time: Sunday, July 20th at 2 P.M.

Place: To be Announced

Comrade Claudis Jones, Secretary of the National Women's Commission will come to Pittsburgh especially for this conference. We ask all clubs and sections to elect a delegate who will be responsible for bringing back a report to the club. We also urge the fullest possible attendance by club executives and members. Please send in names of the delegates as soon as they are elected.

Comradely yours,

Roy Hudson
for the District Board

P.S. This is a summer conference. It will be in the open, under the trees. Families are invited to bring picnic baskets. Trained child care experts will be on hand to help with a program for the kids! All details on arrangements will be sent to each club later.

If at all possible, one of these delegates should be a person who can be assigned to women's work.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.
June 26, 1947

MEMO, SAC

Re: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE AMERICAN VETERANS COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Confidential Informant C-113 made available a three-page mimeographed letter addressed to the members of the American Veterans Committee Local #823, Martha C. Hoyt House, 2849 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh 3, Pa.

C-113 advised that these mimeographed sheets were run off on the machines at the office of the American Slav Congress, 1005 Berger Building, by [redacted]
[redacted]

A copy of the form, appropriately identified by C-113, is being attached to a copy of this memorandum and filed in 67-2584.

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cc - 67-2584 (Enc)

67-2584-455
JUN 15 1947
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SAC, New York

July 15, 1947

SAC, Pittsburgh

UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAVIC AMERICANS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Confidential Informant C-113 made available the following information.

The United Committee of South Slavic Americans held a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on Sunday, June 1, 1947. The time and place of the meeting are unknown to C-113 but approximately 10 or 12 individuals participated. Included among these are the following:

[redacted]	
LOUIS ADAMIC,	Slovenian, New York
[redacted]	Slovenian, Chicago
[redacted]	Serbian, Pittsburgh
[redacted]	Croatian, Cleveland
[redacted]	Serbian, Pittsburgh
[redacted]	Yugoslav Embassy, Washington, D.C.
[redacted]	Federated Peoples
	Republic of Yugoslavia

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The following items of interest occurred during the course of the meeting. LOUIS ADAMIC wants approximately \$36,000 to carry on the work of the Committee for the rest of the year. The major undertaking of the United Committee would be to publish a magazine to disseminate Yugoslav propaganda. The name of this magazine will be "Life and/or Liberty." The Slovene members of the Committee promised to give the United Committee \$1,000 a month out of SANS if the Croats would give \$2,500 a month out of the Croatian Council (C-113 noted that the possibility of raising this money is remote as the Croats do not wish to contribute this much money to this Committee.)

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[redacted] both stressed the need of the Committee for at least one more year. [redacted] also stressed the need of the American Slav Congress and of encouraging the Slovenian people to work in American politics.

The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief was discussed briefly and the feeling exists among some that it should be united with the United Committee and that they should form some sort of a committee similar to the American Soviet Friendship Council.

100-7291
cc - Cleveland

67-2584 - 456

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Note: Informant's report will be attached to the carbon copy of this letter which is designated for 67-2584.

UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAV AMERICANS

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The United Committee of South Slav Americans had a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on Sunday June 1st. Time and place of meeting unknown but approximately 10 or 12 people participated including:

[redacted]
Louis Adamic, Slovenian, New York

[redacted] Slovenian, Chicago,

[redacted], Serbian, Pittsburgh,

[redacted] Croatian, Cleveland,

[redacted] Serbian, Pittsburgh,

[redacted] Yugoslav Embassy,

[redacted] Fed. Peoples Rep. of Yugoslavia.

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As to the actual discussion I have no report. Louis Adamic wants some \$36,000 to carry on the work of the committee for the rest of the Year. The major undertaking of the committee would be to publish a magazine (to disseminate Yugoslav propaganda) -- the name of the magazine Life or/and Liberty. ~~Mirgax~~ The Slovene Members of this Committee promised to give the United Committee \$1000 a month out of SANS if the Croatian would give \$2500 a month out of the Croatian Council. [redacted]

[redacted] both stressed the need of the committee at least for a year -- [redacted] also sees the need of the American Slav Congress and of encouraging our people to work in American politics. (The possibilities of raising the money is remote as the Croatians do not wish to contribute this much money to this committee).

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The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief ~~may be~~ was discussed briefly and the feeling amongst some exists that it should be united with the United Committee and that they should form some sort of a committee similar to the Amer. Soviet Friendship Council.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: July 14, 1947

Under date of 7-12-47, Confidential Informant C-113 furnished this office with a letterhead of the above organization which carried the names of its officers as of that date. The letter embodied a press release issued on 7-12-47 to the effect that the American Slav Congress supported the Pittsburgh Area Rent Director in his stand regarding leases raising rents.

Said letter is being placed in the above file and is attached hereto.

100-3674

cc: 67-2584 ✓

FILE
JUL 14 1947
PITTSBURGH, PA.
<i>JTM</i>

67-2584-4574

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

66-2542

PERSONAL ATTENTION

TO : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: July 8, 1947

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National
Defense Informant C-113
Your file 67-2584

In view of the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of June 18, 1947, approval is granted to continue paying this informant at the rate of \$60 per week for a period of three months beginning July 1, 1947.

*Letter made
7/16/47
D. J. [unclear]
Pittsburgh let*

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F B I	
JUL 14 1947	
To: ASST. Dir., PA.	
	<i>[Signature]</i>

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
July 16, 1947

Director, FBI
Attention: Translation Section
SAC, Pittsburgh

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN THE SLOVENIAN-
AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, aka, Slovenski
Ameriski Narodni Svet, and Sans
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is enclosed literature concerning the above named organization which
was furnished to this office by Confidential Informant C-113 on July 7, 1947.

It is requested that this literature be translated and, if pertinent, copies
of same be furnished this office and the Chicago Division.

Enc.

JTM:DH

100-8254

cc: Chicago (100-14698)

cc: Pgh file #67-2584 - 459
hcl

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

July 16, 1947

Director, FBI

SAC, Pittsburgh

COMMUNIST PARTY OF YUGOSLAVIA IN THE U.S.A.
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU & C

Reference New York letter to Bureau, June 27, 1947, and Bureau letter to New York, March 4, 1947.

On July 9, 1947, Confidential Informant C-113 advised that to his knowledge there are no emigre Yugoslav Communist Parties operating in the United States, and that he has not seen nor heard anything which would indicate that such a party has its headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

C-113 reports that the Slovene National Bureau is concerned only with the coordination of the Communist Party and Communist Party front work among the Slovenian population in the United States. Its purpose is to organize on a national basis Slovenian members of the CP, USA so that the Slovene groups can better contribute to the work of the CP, USA, and such organizations as the American Slav Congress, Croatian Fraternal Union and the Slovenian-American National Council. C-113 states that such national bureaus also operate within the Croatian and Serbian sections of the CP, USA for much the same purpose.

The above informant advises that NARODNI GLASNIK (NATIONAL HERALD, Croatian Daily Newspaper, published at 1916 East Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) is the national outlet for Communist propaganda among the Yugoslavs and Croates and that it is the organ of the Croatian section of the CP, USA, and the Croatian Benevolent Fraternity of the International Workers Order. LUDOVY DENNIK (THE PEOPLE'S DAILY, Slovak Daily Newspaper) and SLOBODNA REC (FREE EXPRESSION, Serbian Tri-Weekly Newspaper) which are also published at 1916 East Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., serve a similar purpose with regard to the Slovak and Serbian sections of the CP and the IWO.

C-113 remarked that STEPHEN LOYEN, ANTHONY MINERICH and [redacted] all NARODNI GLASNIK editors, are without a doubt the leading Yugoslav members of the CP, USA. However, he has never heard that any of these individuals are members of the CP of Yugoslavia.

The only information furnished by C-113, which might possibly be pertinent to this case, was to the effect that he had recently seen a copy of an English translation of the January, 1947 issue of THE COMMUNIST, organ of the Central Committee of the CP of Yugoslavia. This magazine was in the possession of one [redacted] (phonetic), a Canadian, presently working in the SLOBODNA REC office in Pittsburgh. Informant believes that this magazine is being read on a limited basis. One of the contributors of this magazine, an [redacted] has written articles for POLITICAL AFFAIRS, which form the basis of Party educational discussions.

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MEMO, Director
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY OF YUGOSLAVIA IN THE U.S.A.
INTERNAL SECURITY -YU & C

In the event any further information with regard to the above matters is developed by C-113, same will be furnished to the Bureau and the New York Division.

JTM:BE

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cc: New York (100-84868)

✓ cc: Pgh file #57-2584

Director, FBI

7-17-47

SAC, Pittsburgh

MEMORANDUM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FEDERATIVE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF YUGOSLAVIA ON SLOVENE CARINTHIA
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS

The above memo with Annexes numbers one through six are being submitted to the Bureau under separate cover.

This material was furnished Confidential Informant C-113 of this office by the American Slav Congress headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa. C-113 could furnish no further information concerning said material.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau for its information.

JTH:mwd

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cc: 67-2584 - 461
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
July 8, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

Re: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

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On June 16, 1947, Confidential Informant C-113 advised that the above-named subject presently resides on [REDACTED] that his telephone number is [REDACTED] formerly worked for the Pittsburgh Coal Company. He is married and the father of two children. To the informant's knowledge, subject has always been a resident of [REDACTED] and may have been born there.

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In addition to his income as Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress, subject receives a partial disability pension from the U.S. government.

C-113 reported that [REDACTED] had recently told him that he, [REDACTED] had joined the CP while he was serving in the Army in Yugoslavia. To date, subject has not joined and is not a member of the CP of Western Pa., although he has been contemplating joining same.

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JAMES T. MOONEY, SA

JTM:AOB
100-8882

cc: 67-2584 ✓

67-2584-462
F. B. I.
JUL 8 1947
PITTSBURGH, PA.

[Signature]

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 30, 1947

MEMO: SAC

Re: _____
Security Matter - C

On May 27th, 1947 _____ advised that _____
_____ tried to contact _____ but
was advised that _____ had already departed. A few minutes later _____
contacted _____ and said that he was waiting in front of Thompson's Restaurant
in Oakmont. _____ said that the plans had been changed and the meeting of
the Food Club will take place in a later date.

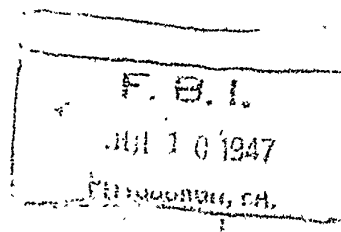
On the same date _____ advised that MAT
ZVETIC was at CP headquarters talking over the ASC with Hudson. At that time
it was decided that Zvetic would resign from the American Slav Congress and
_____ would replace him _____

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LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON
SA

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conf 67-2584-463 jam

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
July 18, 1947

MEMO, SAC:

RE: CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT C-113

On May 25, 1947, Confidential Informant C-113 made available two mimeographed pages which set forth the statement of policy of the American Slav Congress. This policy was set forth at the May 25, 1947 meeting at the Mayfair Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., and was delivered by [redacted] who was then [redacted] of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania. [redacted] also wrote the statement of policy.

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Because of the length of the mimeographed statement it is being placed in the file of the American Slav Congress (100-3674).

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RDM:HOM
67-2584
cc: 100-8882
100-3674

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F. B. I.
JUL 18 1947
PITTSBURGH, PA.
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This is the American Slav Congress Statement of policy made at the
WE MUST CHANGE WITH AMERICA
May 25th meeting 1947 in the Mayfair Hotel -- This was delivered by
WHAT'S TO BE DONE? - THE AMERICAN WAY!

[redacted] who also ~~xxx~~ wrote this Statement.

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The American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania is supposed to be an [redacted] organization of mass effect but not of mass numbers. This you must understand. 5-25-4
It is primarily a committee whose purpose is to make the Slavic American effective as a citizen in the affairs of his community.

Throw away the idea that the Congress is something in the same shape and form as your fraternal society, your union, or your church club. In Western Pennsylvania communities where the Slavic American dominates you already have language groups which, unfortunately, still represent a narrow voice in the leadership of your township, city, county or congressional district. This voice especially is lacking in the labor unions to which over 200,000 Slavic Americans belong. In Western Pennsylvania, the workshop of the world, this is a serious matter and should be of great concern to us.

In the past forty years a remarkable job has been done by Slavic Americans in the building of their own societies, but that's as far as it has gone. Banding together for his own protection the Slavic American has accomplished an important goal, creating a core that today speaks within the confines of each nationality. Today, this is not enough. Look at the lesson of the unions, in which you have formed the base and let the leadership slide by.

Now is the time for change. Change in the thinking of our leaders and in the pattern of organization. Though each nationality has been and is well organized, it is time to organize ourselves. The Slav Congress offers the opportunity to Slavic Americans to spread their voice far beyond the walls of their societies, to really become an active element in American life. It offers a forward step to expand fraternal organizations, to bring in new faces and a wealth of energy - all new.

The Congress first of all is intended to unify all Slavic Americans into one broad grouping that will understand and realize their first responsibility is to be Americans and not Slavic Americans. Leaders who think jealously of their fraternal groups as a garden patch in which they are gardeners and resist unity are guilty of criminal action in these days of attempted repression to democracy. If nationality leaders hold their groups to their own, refuse to see the wide aspect of the Congress they are following the principle of divide and rule.

They must see that the Slav Congress will strengthen each nationality, make it grow, and after all no one will deny that in union there is strength. Once we organize ourselves, federate on the Slav Congress principle, we shall find that the obstacles we now face as individual nationalities will disappear with the effectiveness of the Congress. Organize ourselves, that is the first task; into a broad front.

Each community should form a Slav Congress Committee representative of men who are able to make Slavic Americans stand up and support our program which is of typical American design for progress. These Slavic Americans who form the committee, cannot alone, or through their nationality groups alone, create any impress in America unless their voices are merged, and then from this merging integrate with American organizations.

The responsibility of this committee will be to propel Slavic Americans into activity as Americans in their unions, church clubs, societies, veterans organizations, fraternal organizations, in the shop and communities on issues which affect all Americans.

The Slavic American because of his past years of hardship, struggle and discrimination understands what is wrong and what is right with America and the world. He cannot afford to waste this knowledge in talking only to his own. He must take to the open field in America and make himself a part of America.

He belongs to unions, votes in political elections, spends 95% of his time at work or play with all Americans. Why doesn't he think, act and speak on this level of his existence? Ask yourself how much you have contributed to the leadership of your union, to your city council, to politics generally and to the welfare of your community.

You must not think, act or live within your nationality groups. This is exactly what the enemies of America want you to do; by your own will you separate yourself from 127,000,000 Americans. Once you are fully isolated it will be easy to keep you as a minority, something foreign to American customs and habits, and subject you to worse attacks.

Your best defense in these crucial days lies in the American people who must be moved to act. The drive to World War III, rising unemployment, the coming economic crisis; these are the danger signals you comprehend and understand. But, the majority of American people do not. Progress and freedom for our country and the world will not be achieved by Slavic Americans but by Americans as a whole.

If your local congress committee organizes on this idea; forms a working basis to furnish leadership and guidance to all Slavic Americans, then it will be truly an American organization. This committee should call a meeting of Slavic Americans, explain the need for unity, then further develop the fundamental American nature of the Congress. Elect officers and begin pounding on the anvil that each member present at the meeting go into his union, church or whatever people's organization he belongs and raise the program of the Congress for discussion and endorsement; such as, community betterment, low cost housing, veterans' aid, defense of the labor unions, teachers' pay raises, school lunches for needy children, FEPC, and a host of other issues. We do not lack for issues.

When a Congress is called together in your community then it will be represented by delegates from all American organizations, from the youth and veterans. Financial support will be forthcoming, not just from the language organizations, but from the labor unions, veterans outfits and wherever our members are active.

Our weakness today lies in the cry for the youth who have escaped us. This is emphatically true of our fraternal organizations. Each meeting we hear the bitter criticism of 'Where are the Youth'? It is because we are not aware of the change that is needed in us, in our thinking, that is losing the youth to us. Our youth is here but not with us. It is in the Moose, Eagles, Elks, Legion, VFW, schools, colleges and labor unions. They should stand up and speak in these organizations, not as Slavic Americans but as Americans. - but, they don't speak at all. Lost to us they are lost to themselves, without roots and without a heritage that you should pass on to them. The Congress can fill this vacuum and of the fraternal leaders we ask their support to the new approach our congress opens to youth.

Our older members, the strength of Slavic life in America are of necessity in the 50 and 60 year age level. They are tired, fixed in their habits, but not discouraged for they work until they die. In our friend and co-worker, [redacted] we have seen this.

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If their work is to survive, if their progressive ideas and beliefs in a better America and world are to really take hold, they must make a change. It is not difficult, from them it requires no great physical or nervous strength. All they need do is to get up on their feet in the unions, for example, and raise issues which affect America. Younger men in the unions would take courage, stand up for their forbearers, and be involved in the work. Very little of this is done, at least not so that it is widely noticed and yet we think in terms of youth. The narrow nationality basis will not bring them, we know it to be wrong.

We lack the vision to raise our voices outside our own halls; either because of our accent, our names, or that the others are Americans and we are Slavs. This is terribly wrong; WE ARE AMERICANS. We have helped build America to a share unequalled nor understood even by many of us.

Today the problem is one of awakening America. We share this responsibility more than any other section of Americans and if we fail, it will be because of the way we are now working. Over in Europe our brothers and sisters look to us as Americans; We have a double responsibility; first as Americans and second to your Slavic blood ties and heritage. If we fail to keep America democratic and free, we may be making arms, munitions and planes to devastate the new European democracies.

Lets organize ourselves; unify. We should open and widen our eyes to the American scene; here our imagination, ideals and finest work can have full force. We must bring together the best we have in our town or community, take our program and spread it on the plan outlined. Hold a local Congress, new leaders will develop and we will find people's organization coming to our support.

Lastly, if we work in this fashion our representation at a Pittsburgh regional Congress will be 80% trade union, for all Slavic Americans work for a living, doing the basic work in industry that made America.

Remember these steps:

1. Your own community - prepare a provisional committee of the best
2. Hold a meeting to discuss unity of all Slavic groups, elect officers, adopt a program on local issues and include the national and international (continued on reverse side)

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3. Send your members into their respective American organizations to which they already belong, and become a part of the voice and leadership. Representation, endorsement and financial support must be secured from these organizations.
4. Hold a full fledged Congress in your community on the basis, as we may say in Farrell, the attacks on the foreign born. Unions, churches, business men's clubs, veterans organizations, all would join in preventing the terrorizing and deportation of Slavic Americans who have reared families, worked and lived in peace with neighbors, and have a reputation for high character, industriousness and all the attributes that we expect of Americans. Invite regional officers of the Slav Congress to participate in your congress.
5. By this method we shall establish roots in the best organizations, not be isolated and be with the American people of whom we are a part.

*TENTATIVE PROGRAM

to be presented at May 25th Conference.

1. Set up organization committee -- three or more from each nationality group.

2. Communities of concentration:

Aliquippa Farrell Monessen McKeesport
Johnstown Uniontown New Kensington Turtle Creek
N.S. S.S. Lawrenceville, Pittsburgh.
other suggestions we hope come from the conference.

3. Suggestions for future activities.

1. Local Conferences
2. Leo Krzycki Tour
3. Action on the Farrell Cases
4. Fall Cultural Festival
5. Local Slav Picnics - sponsored by Slav Congress Committees.
6. Public rally for Henry A. Wallace.
7. Social Affairs - dances, parties, etc.
8. Magazine and Publications

4. Statement of policy - signed by leaders. - To be printed for wide distribution.

5. Budget

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: July 14, 1947

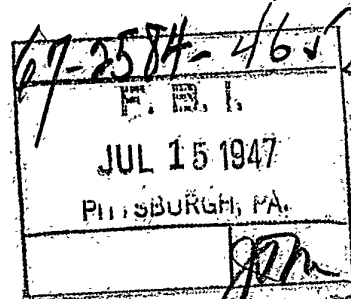
FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]
DATED JULY 11 and 12, 1947b6
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Appropriate memoranda have been dictated for the files of individuals mentioned in the above reports.

The attached reports and exhibit material should be placed in Inform file, 67-2584.

67-2584
JTM:



Communist Party of Western Penna.
Betty Gannett - & Miscellaneous
office business.

[redacted] 7/11/47

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Betty Gannett is a visitor in the district. She met with Roy
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Hudson most of today/and had discussions with [redacted]
[redacted]. She will stay here until Monday or Tuesday. Then she will
go to New York City.

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[redacted] and Jim Dolsen were busy preparing material for their
broadcast which they are to participate in this evening over Radio
Station KQV which is putting on an eight week series ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
"Democracy and Communism" --

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[redacted] was busy preparing reports for Sunday's District (7/13)
Conference which is scheduled to start at 1:30 P.M. in the Carnegie
Lecture Hall in Northside Pittsburgh.

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Matt Svetic who is working on the picnic prepared a letter for
distribution on the picnic and raffle and also prepared a letter for
A meeting he is calling for next Thursday 7/17/47 at the Studio on
440 Wood St. to plan for the picnic. He discussed with [redacted] and
Roy the plans for the picnic. In addition he met with Roy and had
a discussion with him on the Slovene meeting scheduled in Chicago
for Saturday 7/19/47 (SANS); discussed with him the Slav Congress
and also the coming elections. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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[redacted] was in the office for a while today.

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Roy suggested to Matt that he prepare a complete summary of the
Slovene situation and Betty ~~can~~ take it to New York with her when
she leaves Monday or Tuesday and give it to Steve.

Canadian-Slovene Publication "Edinost"

[redacted] 7/12/47

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On Saturday afternoon, July 12th in the Temple Restaurant located in the 600 Block of Penn Avenue I overheard a discussion between a Matt Svetick who is active in the Slovene movement here and a fellow who works over at the Slobdna Rec Newspaper - called [redacted] who is from Canada - and lives in Northside. The first name is a nickname [redacted] -- the last name I am not sure of. At any rate they discussed the ~~xxxx~~ Canadian newspaper "Edinost" which is known as the Communist Press of the Slovenes in that Country and has a circulation of \$ some 1500. Crni did most of the talking and according to him he said that many of the Croatians, Serbians and Slovenes in Canada are being sent to Yugoslavia to help in the Reconstruction work there. With this exodus Crni says some adjustment in the Newspapers will be necessary in Canada. Now he says as far as the Croatians and the Serbian newspapers these pose no problem since they are considering uniting them into one publication. But because of language differences ~~thisxxxx~~ the Slovenes cannot be included in such a combine. Crni said he spoke to [redacted] (name may not be exactly correct) editor of "Edinost" Canadian Slovene Communist Weekly and [redacted] both of them ~~partiti~~ partitski clani (party members) and proposed to them that a meeting be held in Cleveland with the Slovene Communist leaders here Svetich, [redacted] and others and discuss a possibility of make some changes in the editorial policies of the "Edinost" newspaper so that instead of moving the newspaper to the United States - or waiting until they will be forced to cease publication (because of the exodus of Canadian Slovenes to Yugoslavia) the newspaper could carry some articles, and letters and news dealing with the United States and with the Slovene work in the United States.

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~~principally in cities~~ -- deal with the work of Slovenes and Slovene organizations in ~~the~~ cities such as Cleveland, Chicago, Pittsburgh etc. where the Slovenes have a large population. Also Crni proposed that Edinost should publish some things in English. According to Crni this would be better than moving the paper to the United States and would serve our purpose. Matt Svetick said he was going to Chicago next week to a meeting of the Executive Board of the SANS and ~~at this meeting~~ that while he is in Chicago he expects to meet with Steve Nelson and that he will discuss this with him together with other ~~the~~ problems relating to Slovene Work.

Crni referred to a [] from Canada a Slovene who went to Yugoslavia for a visit (one of our Partitski Clani) who was born in the United States. Now the Canadian government will not let him return and he can't come to the United States.

Crni also mentioned being acquainted with many of the ~~generals~~ generals who fought in the Spanish Revolution. He expects to return to Yugoslavia within the Year. --

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GRAND DRAWING

1947 "Studebaker Champion" 1947

auspices of the

LABOR PRESS COMMITTEE

Drawing will be held at the annual picnic of the Labor Press Committee on Labor Day, Sept. 1st at Linden Grove Park, Castle Shannon, Pa. [redacted] 7/12/47

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Dear Friend:

The approaching Labor Day finds labor in the midst of its greatest and most important struggles in history. The struggle against the Taft-Hartley anti-labor law -- the struggle against those reactionary forces who are waging a fight to destroy the labor and progressive movement and bring fascism to America.

Therefore our annual picnic which will be held on Labor Day this year assumes double importance and we are calling upon all our members and friends to work for its success and to insure a real mass turnout on Labor Day at Linden Grove Park.

To insure the maximum success of both the raffle and the picnic the committee is making the following suggestions:

1. Be certain that the raffle and picnic are on the agenda of every club, committee and group meeting from now until Labor Day.
2. See that raffle tickets are sold at every mass rally, picnic, fraternal or lodge meeting, union meeting and other mass gatherings. Make an announcement of the picnic at these affairs.
3. DO NOT WAIT FOR YOUR CLUB OR GROUP MEETING TO DISTRIBUTE OR SELL TICKETS. Make an immediate distribution by personal call at your shop or office. THEN -- do not wait until "Picnic Day" to turn in for the tickets. As soon as you have sold a book or someone has turned in for sale of tickets, turn it in to the committee. Additional books will be furnished on request.
4. Once again the committee will give ONE FREE BOOK OF RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EVERY FIVE BOOKS SOLD. Last year we gave away many free books; this year we want to double the amount.
5. MAKE A REAL CONTRIBUTION -- Get at least five or more of your friends to sell tickets for the raffle.

And finally, if you have any suggestions, we want to hear from you.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please do not mail raffle tickets or stubs as this is a violation of Postal regulations.

THE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

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7-14-47
Rec'd at 1947
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[redacted] 7/22/47

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July 12, 1947

Dear Friend:

A meeting of the committee on arrangements for our annual Labor Press picnic will be held on Thursday evening, July 17th at 7:30 P.M. at 440 Wood St. - 3rd floor.

This year the picnic will be held on Labor Day, at Linden Grove Park in Castle Shannon. Because of the importance of the affair and your position to contribute to its success, you are invited to attend this meeting.

Fraternally yours,

[redacted]
for the Arrangements Committee

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7-14-47
Rec'd at Pgh from
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Communist Party of Western Penna.
DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING.

[redacted] 7/12/47

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The District Committee of Western Pennsylvania met in the Lecture Room of the Carnegie ~~MA~~ Library, Northside Pittsburgh on Saturday evening July 12th, 1947 at 8:00 P.M. The agenda as announced by Roy Hudson, Chairman of the District was as follows:

1. Marshall Plan - The International Situation
2. Taft Hartley Bill
- 3 .???? ?

Before the meeting got under way it was announced by Jim Dolsen that according to the Library Rules the meeting hall must be vacated by 10:00PM. For this session [redacted] gave the report on the international situation and the following attended:

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Roy Hudson, Betty Gannett, Natl.Comm. John Williamson,
Natl.Comm.

Bill Albertson,
Natl.Comm.

[redacted]
Matt Cvetic

[redacted]
(Bentleyville)

[redacted] and a young male comrade - name
unknown --- will furnish later ----

James Dolsen

[redacted]
(and a half a dozen or so others - names later if secured)

Roy Hudson also announced that [redacted] wouldn't be present tonight because he was busy working on his report for tomorrow's sessions --

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The principle report as given by [] covered the International situation and dealt with the Marshall Plan. To summarize [] report (8:15 to 8:45 p.m.) He called the Marshall Plan the Imperialistic Expansionist ~~XXX~~ Policy of the United States -- He said our job was to educate the American people as to who their enemies are -- their enemies ~~are~~ are the American ~~Monopoly Capital~~ Monopoly Capital; and the enemy of the American people are those forces of American Monopoly Capital in the United States who are working for a Third World War.

This summarizes generally his report except he ~~referred to the~~ mentioned that we must work with those forces who are working for peace - (This report will be ~~xx~~ expanded in discussion tomorrow)

The discussion on the report took up the most of the evening -- On this it was just general discussion.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: July 15, 1947

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113
DATED JULY 13, 1947

Appropriate memoranda have been dictated for files of individuals mentioned in the above report.

Informant also furnished two cards which are being circulated among CP members addressed to Attorney General Tom Clark and protesting the persecution of those who have challenged the authority of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. These cards are attached hereto.

All of the above should be filed in 67-2584.

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MEETING OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY
OF WESTERN PENNA. 2nd Day's Session - Sunday
July 13th., 1947. ~~at Carnegie~~

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CORRECTION ON REPORT ON FIRST DAY'S SESSION SUBMITTED 7/12/47 by

did not attend the Saturday evening session as noted in
of 7/12/47
my report/----- Please make this correction on the report submitted
as of 7/12/47 . Additional names of those attending Saturday's
session are as follows:

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The second day's session got under way at approximately 9:50
with of the morning session and Roy Hudson making
the main report which dealt with the "Taft Hartley" ~~XXXX~~ Law.

Attending the second days session were the following some of whom
attending both morning and afternoon sessions and others attending
either one or the other -- ~~Twilixtrykxkxkxkxkx~~ Those who attended
just one or the other session will be noted AM for this attending
morning session and PM for those who attended only the afternoon
session.

	-- S.S. (P.M.)	Jim Dolsen, N.S.
	- Wash Co.	District
Roy Hudson, District	--	Betty Gannett, Natl. Comm.
Erie		Food
Johnstown	--	??? (A.M.)
(P.M.)		Professional Club (PM)
Wash. Co.		McKeesport ???
- S.S. (P.M.)		District

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[redacted] -- Bentleyville Wash Co.
Matt Cvetic, Lawrenceville --

[redacted] -- 33rd Dist.

[redacted] -- Penn Twp. --
[redacted] Erie Co.

[redacted] -- Hill

[redacted] -- Lawrenceville
[redacted] ???? (PM)

[redacted] District --
[redacted] Croatian (AM)
[redacted] -- UE (A.M.)

[redacted] California, Pa.
[redacted] Wash. Co.

?? (P.M.)

- Lawrenceville

AFL --

-- Hill

- Sq. Hill (PM)

-- S.S.

(PM)

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UE (A.M.)

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The names submitted on Saturday's report and today's report are not necessarily all members of the District Committee as other leading functionaries were invited to participate as were members of the national committee. The District Committee as elected at the last election is still the committee.

The sessions as being conducted brought out that there is a very drastic change being made in the 'Party Line' in this country. This was evident especially in the reports of [redacted] on Saturday Evening July 12th. and in the report of Roy Hudson on Sunday Morning July 13th as well as remarks by Betty Gannett and Johnny Williamson. The reports specifically dealt with the Marshall Plan, the Taft Hartley ^{Law} ~~Bill~~ and the Party Building Drive -- [redacted] report covered the international situation; Roy Hudson's report took in the Taft Hartley Law and [redacted] [redacted] dealt with the Party Building Drive --

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The lengthy reports were difficult to follow but it was decided at the conference that they would be mimeographed for discussion in the clubs -- Betty Gannett made it very clear that the 'LINE' as laid

down by the national committee for discussion at this conference was the 'new line' to be followed.

[] took some exceptions to the recommendations of the national committee on strictly basic reasons -- he felt the party is making a mistake being too much concerned with the role of the leaders such as Murray etc. he compared some of this to the mistakes under [] -- he felt that we must reach the rank and file by taking our program to them.

A helluva of a lot of time was wasted in ~~disc~~ discussions based on theoretical themes relating to the relative positions of left-center-and right -- and discussions centered around how to move the center more over to the left -- (Politically speaking).

[] in his Saturday night's remarks also mentioned the fact that in our international line we must ~~follow the~~ read and study further the Lee article in March Political Affairs and the Kardelj article in the June edition of Political Affairs.

[] in talking about the new line said in addition to the three main reports made here last night and today by Comrades [] Hudson and [] we must also read and study the reports of Foster, Winston and two or three others in the next issue of Political Affairs. --

[] in his report on the 33rd District reported some of the best progress that the Party has enjoyed in recruiting in this district in a long long time -- he also mentioned that they are going to start working in the National Tube Works in McKeesport, Pa. -- How many if any members there are in the Tube Works was not evidenced in the report. -- Sam did report progress in Duquesne where the party grew from 5 to 17 and also in Clairton, McKeesport and Homestead. ---

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[] in his report late Sunday aft rnoon dealt with Eugene Dennis's ja l sentence and a lso with the convictions of the other 17 or 18 includ ng [] and the members of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. He distributed approximately 1000 penny post cards addressed to Tom Clark and asked to comrades to have our friends and sympathizers sign them and mail them to Tom Clark.

Matt Cvetic gave a report on the picnic and raffle -- he said the picnic would be held at Linden Grove park and that this year the party will again raffle off a car.

The Sunday afternoonn session was closed with Betty Gannett making a summary report where she once more re-iterated the importance of discussing the new party line in the clubs. [] in his report proposed that we try to recruit enough to have a total membership of 1000 by Labor Day.

*NOTE

From the position of the Soviet Union on the Marshall Plan and also from the new party line of the Communist Party USA it is evident that for the first time since the Communist Party USA was trying to sabotage the preparedness efforts in this country they are read to oppose the United States government on a major question and throw in with the Soviet Union. From this it appears to me that the Soviet Union must have come to a definite decision on the Marshall Plan and that International Communism ~~has been~~ is also about ready to do an about-face.

Betty Gannett in her late afternoon remarks said that the people Comrade Foster spoke to in Europe were ~~not~~ interested in only onething "HOW IS THE PARTY GROWING IN THE UNITED STATES?"

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: July 23, 1947

FROM : J. T. MOONEY, SA

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113
DATED JULY 15, 1947

Appropriate memoranda and letters have been dictated for pertinent files of individuals and organizations mentioned in the above reports.

The attached letter was sent to Informant by STEVE NELSON.

The above reports and letter should be placed in 67-2584.

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JTM:

67-2584-467

F. B. I.
JUL 28 1947
PH - SEERCH, PA.
<i>[Signature]</i>

UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAV AMERICANS
Decisions reached at the meeting
of United Committee Secretaries held
in New York City - the past weekend.
(probably Saturday)
7-12-47

[redacted] 7/15/47

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This information comes from [redacted] who attended the meeting
of Secretaries in New York City the past weekend -

[redacted] says that the United Committee will function on a
limited basis until October. According to the decisions which were
reached at the meeting [redacted] will each work
two hours a day (volunteer) [redacted] is ~~definitely~~
definitely out. Word is that she is sick, but [redacted] says she
is politically sick. Louis Adamic (according to [redacted] wanted at
least three editions of the Magazine published which was contemplated
and for which some subscriptions have been received. He also proposed
that the subscriptions received for the United Committee magazine be
turned over to Slav Congress. [redacted] was willing to accept
them but did mention the question of money. According to [redacted]
the United Committee has laid off (or will lay off) all but one
employee. At present they are in debt some \$8,600.00 which is in the
nature of money borrowed from Zlatko Balokovic (\$1500.00); \$1500.00
through the efforts of [redacted] and the rest from other sources --
I understand all these loans were negotiated by [redacted]
[redacted] also said that for economy reasons they discussed the
possibility of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief moving in
with the United Committee. He also mentioned that the Croatian Council
will send \$500.00 to the United Committee and that he thinks SANS
should do the same. According to [redacted] Slovene
leader also attended the meeting. In the decisions reached it is

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my understanding that all acquiesced in them including Louis Adamic.

As to the ~~enemy~~ embassy representation, the [REDACTED] was in New York -- whether he officially attended the meeting was not made clear in the conversation I overheard. That he did participate in some way however ~~could be~~ is very probable.

As to finances the contributions being raised are a part of ~~\$1,500.00~~ \$1,500.00 which is needed immediately.

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Labor Press Committee -
Labor Day Picnic and Raffle

[redacted] 7/15/47

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The Labor Press Committee which is hold a raffle and picnic has made distribution of raffle tickets and has issued releases to the language press on the picnic. Most of the tickets were distributed by Matt Cvetic who is now working full time on the picnic and the raffle. The raffle and picnic have been organized to raise money for the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania so it can carry on for the balance of the year.

Tickets have been distributed so far as follows:

Name of Org. or Club	Amt. & Nos.	Person in Chg.
Language Press	1000 (#4501-5500)	Art Bartl
IWO (All Sections	500 (7501-8000)	
Squirrel Hill Br.	500 (6001-6500)	
Professional Br.	50 (#1921-1970)	
Southside Club	250 (5501-5750)	
Food Club	100 (1601-1700)	
Hill Club	250 (1301-1550)	
East End Club	150 (7001-7150)	
Students	None yet	
Lawrenceville	200 (1550-1600)	
	200 (8001-9150)	
Penn Township	300 (7151-7450)	
J & L Club	50 (7451-7500)	
Crucible Club	250 (5751-6000)	

East Pittsburgh Dist. 600 (1001-1100) (2501-3000) [redacted]
Electric - Serbians - Wilmerding - Etc.

Washington County 500 (6501-7000) [redacted]
Bentleyville, California, Washington, Canonsburg, Monessen,
Clarks ville, Coverdale

Steel 1130 (1701-1800) (1971-2000) [redacted] -
Homestead, McKeesport (2001-2500) (8501-9000)
Duquesne, Clairton

Erie 200 (1101-1300) [redacted]

Johnstown 120 (1801-1920) [redacted]

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In addition from the conversation I overheard in the office Matt spoke to [] and she agreed to take 1000 tickets for her section (Tarentum, New Kensington, Rural, Springdale and Oakmont and she also suggested to Matt to put [] [] on the Committee. --

He will also contact [] from the Professional Club about tickets.

On the students someone suggested that [] be conacted and on Hazelwood it was suggested that [] be contacted.

Tickets #8001-8500 were left at the office for office distribution.

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For Mike Cvetic,
c/o Jbs Fisher,

[redacted] 7/15/47

The enclosed letter was delivered by ???? t
[redacted] and he mu
have turned it over to Matt Cvetic who wor
in our office -- (Mike.

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July 9, 1947.

Mike [redacted]
1916 East St., N.S.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

[redacted] 7/15/47

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Dear Mike:

I don't know what to say offhand about your proposal to have a national meeting of Slovene comrades. If you mean a large conference, I don't think that is what we need at the moment. We need one or two people from each of the main centers. They should be told in advance what we intend to take up so they can discuss the problems with their friends in the various districts and then come to the national meeting with some idea of what the thinking is of their friends in the various communities.

Such a meeting could be had in early August. Please take the necessary measures to organize such a meeting, if you feel that is the best time. So far, my calendar is open for most of that month and I will be able to attend the meeting whether it is in Cleveland or Pittsburgh.

I am appealing to you and [redacted] to take the initiative to carry through the organization of this meeting. If it is going to be in Cleveland, keep in touch with Gus and tell him what you plan to take up. I am in favor, of course, of both [redacted] and Roy attending such a meeting; also one or two of the Croatian comrades.

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I have been unable to do anything about the proposition of your moving to Cleveland. I suggest you write to Gus immediately, and I will do likewise.

Yours,

Steve.

P.S. Can you do anything about the financial question for a certain committee, which we discussed when you were in New York last?

7-23-47
Rec'd from C-113
at Pgh, Pa.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: July 30, 1947

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT
DATED JULY 21, 23, 25, 28, 1947b6
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Appropriate memoranda have been dictated for the individual files of individuals and organizations mentioned in the attached reports.

Said reports and attached exhibits should now be placed in Informant's file.

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JTM:

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F. B. I.
JUL 30 1947
PITTSBURGH, PA.
<i>JTM</i>

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS --

[REDACTED] 7/21/47

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The following persons held a meeting in the office of Hymie Schlessinger, 13th Floor, Park Bldg on Monday July 21st. 1947 at 5:30 P.M. for the purpose of discussing organizational plans for a CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS IN PITTSBURGH:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Matt Cvetic

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*** [REDACTED] came to Pittsburgh recently -- has been here about 4 months (I think he lives in a place which belongs to people by the name of [REDACTED] who are expected back in September and he will have to hunt a place) he is with UE wears horn-rimmed glasses sallow complexion -- rather husky -- dark brown hair --

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The meeting was to be attended by others but ~~them~~ for one reason or another they couldn't be present, [REDACTED] and three or four others were invited.

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[REDACTED] said the purpose of the meeting is to organize a CRC here for the purpose of taking up the fight for the victims of the House Un-American Committee. [REDACTED] in the discussion of the planning said ~~them~~ it was discussed with Betty Gannett and Roy Hudson.

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[REDACTED] said he would have a talk with [REDACTED] as to who should participate in the [REDACTED] himself or someone else.

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[REDACTED] took the responsibility of organizing a conference for around the 20th of August and [REDACTED] will see if he can find out what the price of the Crystal Room in the Mayfair Hotel

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would be for such a meeting. Another place proposed for the meeting was the Public Workers Hall on Sixth St.

It was decided that another meeting of the same group be called for next Monday at [] office and that each one bring with them another person from their group -- It was stressed that at this meeting we should bring only our members or sympathizers and that later we can bring in others. It was also suggested by Matt Cvetic that as part of the program we could also take the Farrell Cases as this way we can get a broader section of the Slavs in the CRC.

Caution was stressed that we guard against getting disruptionist in at the start -- and especially be careful against inviting any of the Social Democrats such as Holland or others as they may try to start red-baiting the CRC.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12.P.M.

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Communist Party of Western Penna.
Organization Comm.

[redacted] 7/23/47

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The Organization Committee of the Communist Party held their regular meeting on Monday evening July 21st. 1947 in the office of Roy Hudson with the following present:

Roy Hudson, District Chairman

[redacted]

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Matt Cvetic, Language Groups

[redacted]

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The first point on the agenda discussed a proposed trip of [redacted] into the district. He is to come here on August 4th and stay for a period of one week -- According to the decisions reached at the meeting he is to cover Allegheny Valley, Homestead, Pgh and possibly one or two other sections. The reason for his visit is to conduct educational ^{als} for district and section leaders

Next [redacted] gave a lengthy Control report which showed dues about 70% -- During the course of this report in which the work of the various clubs was evaluated [redacted] said "Our Comrades in Bentleyville were instrumental in calling the Mine Strike in their section" --

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Next the [redacted] Case was discussed and [redacted] reported that "this afternoon we had a meeting to discuss the organization of a Civil Rights Congress in [redacted] office and for the purpose of

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organizing a "Defend [] Campaign" -- In discussion it was proposed that we have at least one week where we within the party place emphasis on "Defend []" and it was decided that this week should be around August 18th. And it was further decided that Elizabeth Gurley Flynn be utilized for this campaign as she will come in on August 18th and stay until the Labor Day Picnic.

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Next there was a report on the Labor Day Picnic by Matt Cvetic and he reported a distribution in the entire district of some 9000 tickets -- In discussion it was brought out that Wash.Co. will try to raise around \$1,500 in the raffle and further that \$500 of this would go to the section for their expenses if this is accomplished toward a budget of \$800. Roy Hudson proposed that similar arrangements might be worked out in other sections. It was further proposed that Matt order another 5000 tickets and that he get the Language Newspapers to officially ~~adopt~~ sponsor the Picnic.

Finally a report was given on the ~~draft~~ proposals made by the District Committee and this concluded the meeting.

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS OF WESTERN PENNA.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

[REDACTED] 7-25-47

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The Executive Committee of the Amer. Slav Congress of Western Penna. met in Parlor A. of the Fort Pitt Hotel on Thursday Evening July 24th. at 8:30 P.M. with the following present.

Matt Cvetic, V.P. and Chairman of the Meeting

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(I always forget this bird's first Name)

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And the agenda discussed the following points

1. Political Action
2. Radio Program
3. Advertising & Publicity (Anti-Discrimination)
4. Croatian Congress - August 24th
5. Slavic American Magazine.

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~~During the evening xxxxx~~ On July 25th -- [REDACTED] in a telephone conversation with [REDACTED] said he wants to resign as chairman of the American Slav Congress of Western Penna.

426 Bakewell Bldg.
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.
July 24, 1947

To All Club Executives

7-24-47

Dear Comrades:

An emergency has arisen in connection with the election campaign, which requires immediate action. Because of requirements of the Primary Election Law, an immediate decision must be made on --

1. Whether we shall nominate candidates
2. Who these candidates shall be.

It is necessary for all Clubs to participate in deciding these questions. For this purpose a meeting of all Club Executive Committee members has been arranged this Sunday, July 27th at 2:30 P.M. at 440 Wood St., top floor.

Please arrange for every member of your Executive Committee to be present.

Comradely yours,
City Executive Committee

7-28-47
Rec'd as per P.
from [signature]

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LABOR PRESS COMMITTEE

[redacted]
Matt Cvetic, Secretary

[redacted] 7-24-47

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July 23, 1947

Dear Friend:

Has every member in your club or group received tickets? How many members have volunteered to sell "50" or more tickets? How many tickets have you distributed? How many members in your club or group have received tickets? How much money have you turned in?

ASK YOUR MEMBERS: Are they selling tickets to their friends and fellow workers at their union meetings, lodge picnics, lodge meetings, shop or office? Ask them if they have sold a ticket to their grocer, butcher or baker?

NO: We don't want answers to these questions today.

BUT: SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd is first check-up day.

AND: We have set a goal of \$1,000 to be reached by Saturday, August 2nd and we are counting on your club or group to do its part in realizing this goal.

SO: Distribute tickets to those who have not received any; ask those who have already sold a book or two to take additional tickets; get our friends and readers of the progressive newspapers to take tickets; ask those who sold 50 or more tickets last year to do so again this year; urge other members to join this group -- and be sure the Labor Day picnic is on the agenda of every club or group meeting.

Start an early checkup on those who have tickets and then on or before August 2nd, make your first report on distribution and sale of tickets.

If you need additional tickets, come in or call for them.

OTHER CHECKUP DATES ARE: August 9th -- 16th -- 23rd -- 30th.

Fraternally yours,

LABOR PRESS COMMITTEE

[redacted]
Matt Cvetic, Secy.

7-28-47
Rec'd at Pa.
from [signature]

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426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

July 23, 1947

TO ALL CLUB EXECUTIVES

Dear Comrades:

At its July meeting the City Council made the following proposals for discussion and action by the clubs:

1. Each club to adopt a program designed to meet the particular needs of its own community.
2. Each club to submit to the City Executive suggestions for its consideration, for the inclusion in a City-wide program covering such subjects as housing, transportation, health, sanitation, recreation, taxation, etc.
3. That we run a candidate for city council on the Communist Party ticket, with the object of bringing into the election campaign basic issues confronting the people. Each club to make recommendations of comrades to be considered for candidates.
4. That a Party election campaign manager be elected, clubs to submit recommendations to be considered for same. The selection of such manager to be made at the August meeting of our city council.
5. That each club select a committee or individual to be in charge of organizing the sale of tickets for our Labor Day picnic. There are only six weeks in which to insure its success.

Comradely yours,

CITY COUNCIL
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Rec'd at [redacted]
from [redacted]
[signature]

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426 Bakewell Building
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

July 16, 1947

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TO ALL CLUB CHAIRMEN
TO ALL SECTION ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrade:

We hope that you have by this time chosen your club's delegates to the conference on work among women to be held this Sunday afternoon, July 20th at 2 P.M. at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes St., Pittsburgh.

This district conference is called at a time when monopoly is expressing its open desperation through such measures as the so-called Marshall Plan, the passage of the Taft-Hartley, and Rent measures; and in our own state of Pennsylvania, of anti-labor legislation including the abrogation of minimum hour and other protective legislation with respect to working women.

We have confidence that the common people in our communities will answer these attacks effectively where they are mobilized around issues which they feel are fighting issues. And in this, we are confident that women will play an important and progressive role.

The primary purpose of this conference is to discuss these problems and to work out a program together in relation to them. We feel that the participation of your delegates, particularly in terms of the clubs experience in its own community or shop, will be a valuable aid to such a program.

With comradely greetings,

Roy Hudson

7-17-47
Rec'd at P.O. Pa.
from [signature]
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July 22, 1947

TO ALL CLUBS
TO ALL MEMBERS

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Dear Comrades:

By this time it is hardly necessary to mention that a routine approach to our Labor Day picnic would be most unfortunate politically. There are three extremely important political considerations involved in this picnic that some comrades or clubs as yet may have not fully appreciated:

1. The picnic will take place on a very important American labor holiday. It takes place in a period of sharpest political and economic struggles -- the election campaign and the campaign for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. It must become a huge rally of progressives. At the picnic we will have a short speaking program - with Elizabeth Gurley Flynn as featured speaker. We hope to have also Anthony Minerich, editor of Narodni-Glasnik - fresh from a three month tour of Yugoslavia.

2. We hope to make the picnic a huge cultural and social success. To have a very pleasant time and promote a closer feeling of comradeship -- a very necessary factor to aid us in collectively carrying out of our huge responsibilities. We will have cultural contributions by most of the national groups that make up our district, consisting of music, songs and orchestras. We will also have a very complete sports program -- featuring a soft-ball game between the steel workers and the coal miners.

3. The concentration tasks, the election campaign and the recruiting campaign will require a very large financial budget. This activity must be assured by sufficient finances. The ticket sale is the cornerstone of our budget to January 1st. We can and must exceed the unprecedented sale of last year. Our party clubs must guarantee a complete distribution and sale of the tickets.

The response of all of our comrades so far has been excellent and has assured us of a fine start. We hope that every comrade will continue to do his or her maximum to assure success of the picnic in every way. As quickly as possible every member must have a book of tickets to sell. Our goal is to have turned in \$1000 by August 2nd, the first check-up date.

As you know by this time our Party has already participated in two debates in a series of eight weekly programs over Station KQV, * EVERY FRIDAY - 9:30 P.M. Daylight Savings Time. The subjects have been timely and of vital concern to all Americans presented as a public service. This program presents us with a very unusual opportunity. Particularly since the debate is under the auspices of the radio station, all kinds of people can be asked to listen in. The Club should organize listening parties -- this set-up is ideal for it -- telephone calls, mailings and personal visits.

The District Office will have printed material available each week for the clubs. This week "Communist Position on Religion in USSR & USA". Probable debaters for us -- Reverend Eliot White and Roy Hudson.

Comradely yours,

Roy Hudson, Chairman
Pete Karpa, Secy-Treasurer

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American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia

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On Sunday ~~after~~ morning, July 27, 1947 at the Meeting Hall of CFU#1, 1546 East Ohio St., N.S. Pittsburgh, Pa. a group of some 30 people met to discuss the work of the above committee. The proceedings took place in Croatian.

[redacted] from Slobodna Rec, [redacted]

[redacted] from McKees Rocks conducted the meeting. [redacted]

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who was also present at the meeting ~~raised~~ raise several important political questions during discussion.

Questions raised dealt with the raising of funds in large sums for the purpose of loaning the money to the committee to purchase equipment and machinery for Yugoslavia. These loans (some of which have been made in amounts ranging from \$500 up) are being solicited from people throughout the country.

During the meeting [redacted] raised the question of the denial of passports to some of our people and ~~that~~ ^{said} the United Committee is ready to ~~take~~ take up this fight.

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He also made an announcement of a picnic which the Communist Party has scheduled on Labor Day for Linden Grove Park.

Membership in this organization costs \$3.00 per year and several new members signed up.

Membership records are in the hands of [redacted] has the communications from the National office of the AARY; and [redacted] of the committee has other records. Locally this committee has not been too active and the turnout of 30 persons was a good one.

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This is annannouncement of a meeting of the Amer. ASSN for
in Yugoslavia Committee -- Will Cover -- Reconstruction

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P O Z I V

Sunday July 27th, 1947 at 10:00 A.M. at CFU Hall #1, 1546
East Ohio St. N.S. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dragi brate,

Pozivate se na Vrlo Važnu sednicu--lokalne pod-
ružnice za rekonstrukciju u Jugoslaviji--koja će se održati
u nedelju 27 jula 1947 godine u 10 sati pre podne u Domu
otseka broj 1 Hrvatske Bratske Zajednice na 1546 E. Ohio St.
N.S. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Na ovoj sednici rešavaće se vrlo važna pitanja.
Rudarska grupa, koja će ići na rad u Jugoslaviju podneće iz-
veštaj o svom dosadašnjem radu i budućim planovima.

Nastojte, da svakako dodjete na ovu važnu sednicu.
Dovedite sa vama i vaše prijatelje, koji još nisu članovi
naše organizacije, kao i one, koji su voljni da doprinesu
svoj deo za pomoć izgradnje u Jugoslaviji.

Sa bratskim pozdravom.

U ime pitsburske podružnice za rekonstrukciju u
Jugoslaviji.



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Rec'd at P.H. Pa.
from JPM

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Communist Party of Western Penna.

[redacted] 7/28/47

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On Sunday afternoon July 27, 1947 ~~the~~ a special meeting of the City Leaders of the Communist Party was held for the purpose of discussing the coming elections. The meeting was held in the Studio at 440 Wood St. with the following participating.

Roy Hudson, ~~Chair~~ for the District.

[redacted]

Jim Dolsen, N.S.

[redacted]

Lawrenceville
, Serbian

[redacted]

Lawrenceville

[redacted]

Northside

[redacted]

Northside

Eastend

Matt Cvetic, Lawrenceville

Southside

[redacted]

Southside

[redacted]

Southside.

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Roy Hudson raised a question of the importance of the meeting on the basis of what candidates should be supported and whether the Party should place any candidates in the field. He specifically raised the question of Labor's participation in the election and also the importance of ~~supporting~~ supporting a negro candidate for council in the Pittsburgh City Elections.

Much discussion took place on the question raised and after a lengthy discussion the conclusion was reached that;

the Party do everything possible to get the Democrats in the Primary to vote for [redacted] and the Republicans in the Primary to vote for [redacted]. It was further decided that it would be politically incorrect for the Party to run its own candidates at this time. Further it was decided that the City Executive Committee consider seriously the placing on the ballot a Rev. Spear or Speer from Northside a Negro preacher who was proposed

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[redacted] -- this would be done for the purpose of insuring a Negro Candidate in the general election. If either [redacted] [redacted] do not get thenomination then Speer who would file as an Independant would be supported.

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Particarlly did Roy Hudson stress the importance of Labor in the election and that all efforts must be made to get Labor to support a Negro candidate in the Primary elect.on -- preferably [redacted]

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At the end of the me ting Matt Cvetic gave a report on the Picnic which is scheduled at Linden Grove Park. He reported a total of 11,250 tickets distributed throughout Western Penna. and raised hell because the City District, according to him is lagging behind.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER

[redacted] 7/28/47

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On Saturday afternoon July 26, 1947 [redacted] organizer for the IWO was in the office of the Communist Party in the Baker ell Bldg to meet with Roy Hudson. When he came in Roy was busy with [redacted] who brought five negroes in with him and [redacted] took [redacted] over to where Matt Cvetic was working and introduced [redacted] to Matt and suggested that Matt discusses Slav Congress with [redacted]

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Matt gave [redacted] an outlined report of what the Congress has been doing in this area specifically on what steps they were taking to organize Slav Congress Committees in this area and also that Political Action has been carried on and what is planned for the future.

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[redacted] told Matt that he has been raising the Slav Congress at all the IWO meetings he has attended in the past two weeks and that this was keeping with the decisions of the National Committee ~~since~~ due to the passage of the Taft-Hartley Bill.

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(From the conversation I understood that the IWO will carry on their political activities henceforth through the Slav Congress)

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TO : SAC

DATE: July 23, 1947

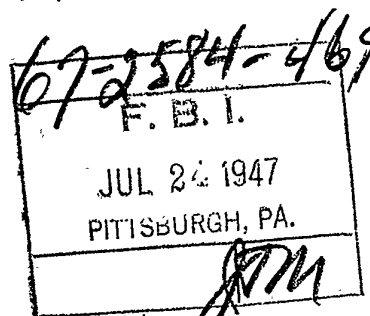
FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT 
DATED JULY 18, 1947b6
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Appropriate memoranda have been dictated for pertinent files of individuals mentioned in the above reports.

These reports should be placed in file 67-2584

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JTM:



American Slav Congress of Western Penna.

Roy Hudson, Matt Cvetic and [redacted]
[redacted] discussion ~~on~~ Policy
a report.

[redacted] 7/18/47

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On Friday afternoon July 18th. 1947 Roy Hudson Matt Cvetic and
[redacted] had lunch together in the YMCA on the corner of
Third Avenue and Wood St. to discuss policy in relation to the work
of the American Slav Congress. They got together around 1:20 P.M.

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Roy Hudson first ask [redacted] for a report on the
AVC Convention -- [redacted] gave a detailed report on this dealing with
the activities of the Right element in the convention and the action
of the progressive groups.

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Next certain phases of the Slav Congress work were discussed and
[redacted] gave Roy Hudson a report on what was being doing in the Congress
i.e. organizing committees in Allegheny Valley, Turtle Creek Valley,
and McKeesport; ~~eff~~ what efforts were being made to raise funds and
also gave a report of the issues which the Slav Congress acted on --
he reported further about a writeup which was carried in this weeks
issue of "The Courier" about the Slav Congress and also mentioned about
the various leaders ~~their names~~ ~~Stanford~~ at the paper who are working
closely with the Congress.

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Roy Hudson then brought up what he said was an important question
he said that the Party Office was in need of a girl and for reasons
which we all understand we must have a certain type of person working in
the office. For this reason Roy said there is one person available
but from what I understand she has promised to go to work for Slav
Congress -- ~~Roy then asked what she was doing~~ This person Roy referred
to is [redacted] Roy then asked [redacted] would he, in light of

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the difficulties the Party would face to find a suitable person consider letting Bessie go to work for the Party. ~~and~~ Roy Hudson made it very clear that the only way they would consider taking her would be if [] is willing to release her. On this [] was no problem he agreed that the party comes first and that their problem in looking for help is much more difficult -- Roy repeated that this is the only condition under which they would take Bessie with [] agreeing to it. After every body got through agreeing the next step was to get a girl for the ~~Congress~~ Slav Congress and all agreed to be on the lookout for a suitable person.

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Finally they agreed to get together at least once a week and have lunch together.

Communist Party of Western Penna.
Meeting of Labor Press Committee

[redacted] 7/18/47

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A meeting to work out plans for the Labor Press Picnic was held in the Studio at ~~#440~~ 440 Wood St. on Thursday evening July 17th 1947 with the following participating:

[redacted]

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Matt Cvetic, Secretary of the Picnic Committee

Art Bartl, Croatian

[redacted]

Slovaks,

Slovaks

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Jim Dolsen, Northside Club,

[redacted]

Croatian

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Norths de Club.

The meeting discuss the various committees; [redacted] first gave a report on the importance of the meeting, then Matt Cvetic start outlining the various committees which were needed:

First he proposed that a Speakers Committee of three, Roy Hudson, [redacted] be elected. He further proposed that Elizabeth Gurley Flynn be invited to the meeting and that Tony Minerich also be one of the speakers.

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On other committees, [redacted] was appointed to be in charge of the Refreshment Committee; [redacted] were to see about getting a beer permit; Art Bartl and [redacted] were put in charge of Entertainment Committee; [redacted] are to see about a Sound Equipment; [redacted] of Sports Committee;

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On Food, [redacted] were put on Committees and
[redacted] were suggested also
as possible committee members on some of the Food; It was suggested
that the Bread be gotten from [redacted]

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Finally on tickets Matt Cvetic reported that around 9000 tickets
have been broadly distributed.

This finished the meeting.

Meeting between Roy Hudson and Matt Cvetic
to discuss Slovene matters.

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On Friday afternoon, by prearrangement Roy Hudson and Matt Cvetic met to discuss Matt's participation in the Board meeting of the Slovenian American National Council and also action for building the Slovene section of the Communist Party.

Matt gave Roy an outline on what he intends to propose at the Board Meeting and dealt with proposals regarding the United Committee; the possible election of an Executive Secretary for SANS, dealt with the Political action of SANS and said he would stress in his report support for Wallace and the Third Party; Matt said that he needed help on how to deal with the International situation, especially the Marshall plan. Roy pointed out to Matt that he should deal with it as it relates to Yugoslavia -- that the Yugoslavs must question the motives behind it in light of the Truman Doctrine etc. He said that America should make clear their intentions in the Marshall Plan and that the reason we are opposed to the Marshall Plan is because we think its intention is to give help to these forces who represent the fascist and reactionary forces in the European Countries. He said we are for help to the European countries but with no strings attached. He suggested to Matt that he reads the editorial in the July 13th issue of the worker and also an article "An American plan to help Europe... and America in the July 20th edition of the Worker and use this as his guide.

Matt then told Roy as regards to work in ~~the~~ the Sloven Party ~~he~~ he received a letter from Steve saying he was available for a

meeting anytime the first part of August. Matt suggested that such a meeting be called in Pittsburgh and if it is OK with Roy he would suggest to the Comrades in Chicago that this be on August 10th. Roy agreed and said if it is held in Pittsburgh then he could attend the meeting. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Director, FBI

July 21, 1947

gm SAC, Pittsburgh

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN THE SLOVENIAN-
AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, aka;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Confidential Informant C-113 attended the Second Regular Convention of the Slovenian-American National Council (SANS) held in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 30 and 31, 1947. The following information was furnished by C-113.

121 delegates from principal Slovene centers participated in this convention. A complete report of participating delegates and of the normal proceedings of the convention will be released in the form of a report to the delegates. Copies of this report will be made available by C-113.

Principal reports at the convention were given by [redacted]
of the organization. The following officers for the convention were elected:

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[redacted]	Clarendon Hill, Illinois
[redacted]	, New York, N. Y.
[redacted]	Cleveland, Ohio
[redacted]	
[redacted]	Cleveland, Ohio
[redacted]	Detroit, Michigan
[redacted]	(Communist sympathizer)
[redacted]	Pittsburgh, Pa.
[redacted]	(Communist)
[redacted]	Cleveland, Ohio
[redacted]	Chicago, Illinois
[redacted]	(Communist)
[redacted]	Detroit, Michigan
[redacted]	(Communist)
[redacted]	Chicago, Illinois
[redacted]	

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Guest speakers at the convention included:

Judge [redacted]	St. Louis, Missouri - American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia
[redacted]	American Slav Congress
[redacted]	American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania

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All three of the above speakers stressed the political importance of SANS.

The convention moved along in smooth order until the elections and then differences in the organizations came to light. [redacted] let it be known that he would retire from the presidency. The Nominations Committee then proposed [redacted] of Cleveland, Ohio, AEU leader, felt that he should have been proposed inasmuch as he was First Vice President and he expressed his displeasure. The second point of discontent arose when the Socialists from Chicago, Detroit, and Cleveland argued among themselves about who should be represented from these cities. [redacted] of Cleveland felt that Chicago was getting too many of the offices and he raised this point at a time when a Detroit member was being proposed for one of the vice presidencies. Before the elections were over the Communists, because of the apparent discord, were able to elect for the first time some of their members to the Board of SANS. An incomplete list of those individuals elected to the Board follows:

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
Honorary Presidents, LEONIS ADAMIC, New Jersey
[redacted] Michigan
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
[redacted] Detroit, Michigan (Communist sympathizer
and former Communist Party member)
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio
[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio
(Communist)
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois (Communist)
MATTHEW CVETIC, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Communist)
(Fifth member unknown)

C-113 noted the following proceedings during the convention.

The convention voted \$1,000 to the defense fund of Enakopravnost, a Slovene progressive newspaper which is being sued by some Slovenian Priests for \$200,000.

On a motion by [redacted] the convention passed a resolution asking President Truman to veto the Hartley-Taft Anti-Labor bill.

Party. * [] asked OYETIC to visit him in Washington, D.C. in the near fut
so that they might discuss the entire situation.

It is to be noted that the above designations as to whether an individual is
a Communist or Communist sympathizer were those of Confidential Informant C

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cc - Chicago
Cleveland
Detroit
New York
Washington Field

100-8251

cc - 67-2584

Note: The reports of C-113 are attached to and filed with the carbon copy of
this letter designated for Pittsburgh file 67-2584.

Prior to the above mentioned convention the following individuals, who are members of the Slovene Communist Party Bureau, participated in a luncheon and discussion on Friday, May 30, 1947, at which time they discussed the general work of the convention:

[redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa.
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
[redacted] Detroit, Michigan
[redacted] Detroit, Michigan
MATT CVENTIC, Pittsburgh, Pa.
[redacted] Canada (Editor of Edinost)
[redacted] Detroit
[redacted] Barnberton, Ohio
[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio
[redacted] Detroit, Michigan

At this luncheon meeting MATT CVENTIC proposed that at least 4 or 5 of the members should be elected to the Executive Committee of SANS. Those proposed were [redacted] Cleveland, MATT CVENTIC, Pittsburgh, [redacted] Chicago, and [redacted] Detroit. After further discussion it was proposed that [redacted] be proposed for the position of Second Vice President.

In a later discussion (time and place not definitely noted by C-113) [redacted] from Canada advised that the Comrades in Canada had instructed him to discuss with the Comrades in the United States the possibility of "Edinost" being brought to the United States in the near future. Many of the Canadian leaders are being lost because they are among a contingent of persons being recruited to go to Yugoslavia. Some 1500 have already been recruited. It was felt by the Comrades during the discussion that enough subscriptions could be obtained in the United States to justify having the Edinost Press here. The city mentioned was Cleveland, Ohio and it was pointed out that there were between 300 and 400 subscribers for this newspaper in this country at the present time.

C-113 also reported on a talk between [redacted] from the Yugoslav Embassy and MATT CVENTIC (C-113). [redacted] stated to CVENTIC that he was very pleased that Communist Party members had been elected to offices in SANS. [redacted] stated that Communists must work in SANS and build it and they must also work in the American political field and stress the Roosevelt-Wallace program. He stated that all members should go back to their respective cities and build their local SANS organizations and work for the 1948 elections. [redacted] was also pleased when CVENTIC told him that "We now have around 200 Slovenes in the

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC,
FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY
SUBJECT: AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY * C

DATE: July 28, 1947

The attached correspondence circulated by the American Slav Congress of Western Pa. was furnished to this office on July 17, 1947 by Confidential Informant C-113.

Same sets out the immediate program of the above organization.

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cc: 67-2584
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JUL 28 1947	
PHILADELPHIA, PA.	
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Director, FBI

7/29/47

SAO, Pittsburgh

CANADIAN SLOVENE COMMUNIST
PARTY PUBLICATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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By report dated July 12, 1947, Confidential Informant C-113 advised that he had recently had a conversation with one [redacted] a Slovene Communist from Canada, who is presently employed by the SLOBODNA REG newspaper in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] Slovenian-Communist newspaper, presently published in Canada, has a circulation of some 1500 copies. [redacted] added that because of the fact that many Croats, Serbs and Slovenes are being sent from Canada to aid in reconstruction work in Yugoslavia, some sort of re-organization of the above newspaper would be necessary.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] editor and associate editor respectively of [redacted] were considering making changes in editorial policies so that the newspaper could carry some articles and news dealing with Slovene work in the United States. It appears that such a change in policy must be made in order to prevent moving the newspaper offices into the United States proper or ceasing publication altogether. According to [redacted] both [redacted] are members of the Communist Party. [redacted] also intimated that by the above change in policy, [redacted] had hopes of securing subscribers in the United States.

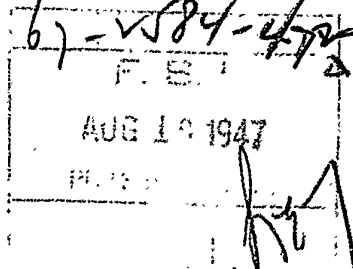
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The above is furnished for the Bureau's information.

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cc - 67-2584



SAC, New York

7/30/47

JM SAC, Pittsburgh

UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAVIC AMERICANS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
REGISTRATION ACT
New York File #100-57994

By report dated July 15, 1947 Confidential Informant C-113 advised that he had received the following information from [] reported Communist Party member in Pittsburgh, who had attended a meeting of secretaries of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans, which had been held at New York City on July 12 or July 13, 1947.

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[] advised informant that the United Committee will function on a limited basis until October 1947. [] of New York will contribute two hours voluntary work as secretary of the above organization inasmuch as [] has been replaced as secretary of the above organization. The public is being advised that [] is ill but [] stated that she was "politically sick."

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According to [] although the United Committee is some \$8,600 in debt, only one employee will be laid off. There is also a possibility that the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief will move into the headquarters of the United Committee for economy reasons. It is reported that the Croatian Council will contribute \$500 to the United Committee and the Slovenian-American National Council may do likewise.

C-113 concluded that [] Slovene leader from Chicago, also attended the above meeting and that [] was in New York at the time of the meeting. However, it is not definitely known whether or not [] attended said meeting. The above is being furnished for the information of the New York Division.

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cc - 100-1075
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF AMERICAN WOMEN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: July 31, 1947

On 7-29-47 Confidential Informant C-113 furnished the writer with a mimeographed copy of reports and resolutions made at a CP Women's Conference held on 7-20-47. Inasmuch as a great part of same is devoted to the above organization, said material is attached hereto and is being placed in the instant file.

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cc: 67-2584 ✓
JTH: 100-577

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F. B. I.
JUL 31 1947
PITTSBURGH, PA.
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
July 31, 1947

MEMO, SAC

Re: [redacted]

SECURITY MATTER - C

On July 31, 1947, GI C-113 orally advised the writer that the above subject, National Secretary of the Serbian-American Federation, IWO, had recently left Pittsburgh to take up permanent residence in New York City. It is noted that the Serbian-American Federation has recently transferred its national headquarters from Pittsburgh to New York City, and BALTICH's change of residence is probably based on this fact.

An effort should be made to ascertain [redacted] New York address and thereafter the New York Division should be requested to verify same. Upon verification of the New York address, the pertinent serials in this file should be forwarded to New York.

JAMES T. MOONEY, SA

JTM:MAV

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: August 7, 1947

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT
DATED JULY 19, 1947

Appropriate letters and memoranda have been sent to interested offices and pertinent files respectively with regard to information contained in the above reports.

These reports should now be placed in 67-2584.

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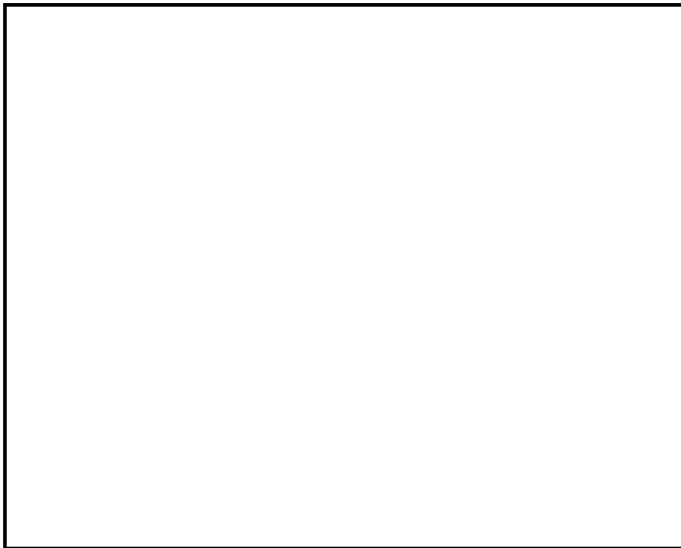
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SLOVENIAN-AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (SANS)
Meeting of the Executive Board
office of SNPJ, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

7/19/47 [redacted]

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The Executive Board of the Slovenian American National Council met in the Board Meeting Room of the SNPJ office in Chicago, Ill on Saturday July 19th, 1947 from 9:00 A.M. until approximately 7:45 P.M. Central Daylight Saving Time. The following board members participated.



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Math Cvetic, Member of the Board



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Of these [redacted] Math Cvetic and [redacted] are known Communists and [redacted] is a co-worker or fellow traveler.

The complete proceedings will be mimeographed by [redacted] and copies sent to members of the board.

The first point discussed at the Board Meeting was the United Committee. [redacted] reporting on the United committee brought out in his report that the committee was in straightened financial due to mismanagement on the part of [redacted] -- he mentioned that the

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United Committee was heavily in debt as a result of this and that they had borrowed funds from Zlatko Balokovic, American Slav Congress International Workers Order and one other source at least -- He further said the money received for subscriptions to the new proposed magazine was also squandered. He read a signed confession by [] [] in which she admitted ~~misappropriating~~ appropriating some of the funds of the United Committee. He further said he attended a meeting of the United Committee secretaries in New York recently and the Croatian Council there promised to send \$500.00 so the committee can continue its work. He suggested that we should consider sending a like amount to the committee and that we should consider sending another \$500.00 sometime the latter part of August. He also said we must do everything we can to straighten out the affair/so our enemies of the UC do not get their hands on this as they would use it against us. He mentioned a newspaper AMericky Domovina. He said that the money we would appropriate would be for the purpose of continuing the committee ~~and~~ at least until October when the annual meeting will decide its future status. He said that [] in New York and others ~~will~~ have taken over the responsibility of overseeing the work.

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Questions were raised by some of the members why persons like Louis Adamic, Zlatko Balokovic and others who were in New York didn't pay more attention to what was going on -- how could such a thing happen under their nose -- After much discussion most of the members acquiesced that we should keep the affair quiet, vote the money; Cvetic proposed that we vote the money, that he would talk to [] in Pittsburgh and see if he can't get the council to vote another

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\$500 also in August; he further suggested that the subscriptions received for the United Committee Magazine be sent to the American Slav Congress and that letters be sent to the subscribers explaining that "The Slavic American" would be the official publication of the United Committee -- he further suggested that later affairs can be organized to raise money to pay the debt or we could ask for contributions. Motion as finally passed by the board unanimously voted \$500 to United Committee at once; \$500 latter part of August and also voted to send to subscriptions to the American Slav Congress.

A letter was read from the American Slav Congress by the Secretary asking the Slovenian American National Council what they could do in the way of a contribution toward the ~~\$2,500~~ \$2,500 they pledged at the last convention of the American Slav Congress. In discussion it was pointed out that Slovene organizations have been sending contributions to the Congress and that SANS cannot take the responsibility of supporting Slav Congress except to the degree where they ask their affiliates to work with the Congress. No money was voted.

In discussing the program Bostjancich proposed that we should do something to stimulate activities amongst the Youth and to ~~make~~ ~~them~~ bring them closer to SANS. He mentioned that there are Youth Clubs in Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburgh and we should strengthen these and also to organize others. After much discussion on ~~this~~ this Milan Medvesik, Matt Cvetic and Ivan Bostjancich were appointed to a Committee to study what SANS can do to activate the Youth in the SANS Work and to make recommendations to the Board.

On program and membership it was proposed and discussed that local SANS branches be activated wherever possible and that we start

a drive for members. The type of credentials which would be used by the SANS was not decided on and the residence committee was left with the authority to decide on this.

On program it was suggested in discussion by the various members that SANS must play an active part in the progressive movement in this country -- that it should support WALLACE for president and to otherwise work with ~~those~~ progressive forces in political actions. A lot of discussion was carried on on this point but no conclusions were reached. [redacted] did suggest in a reply to a suggestion by Matt Cvetic that perhaps we should try to raise \$50,000 for a Library in Slovenia that the Yugoslavs would ^{rather} ~~would~~ that we would take the money we raised and used it for ~~Political~~ Political Action in America that in this way we can do them more good. That we must work more in the American political field. This was the consensus of opinion and a Committee called the "Propaganda" Committee (political action) was set up ~~to~~ to work out a program: The following were elected to this committee: [redacted] (if he refuses to serve then [redacted] will take his place) [redacted]
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On a proposal by [redacted] the Board voted to make [redacted] [redacted] from Cleveland, Ohio. [redacted] were appointed to tender the

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In a discussion of the American Slav Congress it was voted that SANS in keeping with the recommendations of the May 30-31st convention participate as members of the Congress and elected [redacted] Matt Cvetic and [redacted] as ~~members~~ to the a Committee ~~to participate in~~ Slav Congress for SANS.

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A [] of the May

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Convention appeared at the Board meeting late in the afternoon and spent about an hour reading the minutes of the Convention (4 sessions) all of which were approved.

A [] -- editor of one of the Slovene newspapers also came into the meeting as an observer late in the afternoon.

An elderly gentlemen who apparently acted as secretary []

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[] also participated in the proceedings -- he was around 58 years old -- I did not get his name but he has a small moutache is ~~xxx~~ rather slim.

The Board further empowered [] to employ a girl he recommended (name unknown- married) to do technical work for SANS.

The Board further voted to raise the hourly rate of pay for the Secretary (when he is officialy working on SANS work or on SANS business from \$1.20 an hour to \$1.80).

On a motion by Matt Cvetic the Board voted to send to Secretary of State Marshall and to President Truman a statement on displaced persons to the effect that while we welcome oppressed persons and war orphans we want no parts of quislings, traitors, pro-fascists and war criminals and these should be returned to their own countries to stand trial.

This concluded the business of the Board. If the minutes of the meeting come into my possession I will forward them to the office.

If you have any questions ???? advise

UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAV AMERICAN
A SPECIAL REPORT DEALING WITH CERTAIN
IRREGULARITIES OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OF THE COMMITTEE.

[REDACTED] 7/19/47

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The information contained in this report came to my attention at Chicago, Illinois during the meeting of the Executive Board of the Slovenian-American National Council. ~~xx~~

At the meeting of the Executive Board which was held on Saturday July 19, 1947 in the Board Room of the SMPJ, ~~xx~~ 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill. [REDACTED] of the Executive Board made the following statements.

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"The United Committee is in debt considerably due to the mismanagement on the part of [REDACTED] According to [REDACTED] money has been borrowed by the United Committee from Zlatko Balkkovic, American Slav Congress, ~~and~~ the International Workers Order and one other source. In addition to this [REDACTED] said that ~~the money~~ over \$3000.00 which came in for subscriptions for the proposed magazine which ~~would~~ ^{was to} be put out by the United Committee has also been squandered. He said for some time there has been suspicion that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was doing wrong but several persons in the office who thought so were kept quiet by [REDACTED] with threats of arrest and bodily harm, if they opened their mouth. Finally one day, according to [REDACTED] Louis Adamic cornered Ann about what was going on and she broke down and admitted to Louis Adamic that she had misappropriated some of the funds of the committee to her own use. ~~At the Board meeting~~ ~~xxxx~~ [REDACTED] further reported that ~~Louis Adamic~~ [REDACTED] has been under observations for quite some time and that Louis Adamic had done some excellent police work -- having her spied on -- her phone conv

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conversations listened in on and otherwise carrying on an investigation of her personal life and activities.

As a result of this investigation (in which Louis Adamic used some of her co-workers to spy on her and listen to her phone conversations) [] made a confession in which she admitted appropriating certain funds to her own personal use [] (has a copy of this confession)

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The transaction mentioned in the confession involved some cablegrams which [] of the United Committee was to have sent to Yugoslavia-- instead of sending the cablegrams she appropriated the money to her own use -- the amount unknown -- approx mately \$180.00 ?? --

In the confession she takes full blame for her actions, blames it on illness -- ~~she~~ makes a positive statement that she had taken these funds for her own use, agreed to ~~leave~~ resign as Executive Secretary and further promised not to cause the committee any embarrassment.

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Further from [] report on this to the Executive Board [] was given to understand that the confession would be used against her if she didn't live up to her promises.

Questions were raised by the members of the board/--- on this matter these will be dealt with in the complete report of the board meeting -----

Further -- from conversations I overheard between [] [] and at Lunch at 2653 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill on Saturday July 19th., 1947 and further from conversations which I overheard at the same address the same evening the following additional information came from [] -- (I might say that the following persons were around the table with [] - all drinking very heavily -- [] Chicago, [] Cleveland, Matt Cvetic, Pittsburgh -- [] Chicago, [] Detroit

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Others who came in during the evening to say hello included [redacted] [redacted] from the SNPJ [redacted] and her two children and [redacted]. I further observed that [redacted] [redacted] and Cvetic were buying the drinks and apparently [redacted] was pretty well oiled up because for over an hour he discussed the [redacted] affair and made the following statements regarding the United Committee, the Yugoslav Embassy and others relating to the conduct of Anne Traven.

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[redacted] said that in January some committee sent \$1,500 to the United Committee to be used for a special purpose (sent to Yugoslavia or something like that) -- [redacted] said there is no indication that the money was ever used for the purpose it was intended and he intimated that the money might have been appropriated by [redacted] as well as other funds. He said to [redacted] Cvetic and [redacted] "You fellows don't know 1/10th of the story."

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He said that Louis Adamic cussed out [redacted] and called her a hot bitch. [redacted] further said she was having affairs with everyone from the Yugoslav Embassy and also others. He said she used to complain about working until 2:00 and 2:30 in the morning but while she was supposed to be working she was using the office to ~~entertain~~ entertain her friends. He said the office workers used to find evidence around the office of the night's business -- he mentioned the following as some of her acquaintances who had business with her, [redacted] [redacted] and two or three others. He said she must have a dual personality -- Cvetic said he thought she just had hot-pants.

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He further said that the FBI had ~~had~~ the telephone wires to the United Committee tapped for ~~xx~~ two or three years and listened to

everything that went on.

He said that [] was very stupid she kept two diaries one at the office and one at home in which she tells all about her personal and love affairs. Apparently these are either in Louis Adamic's possession or he had read them.

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The confession which [] signed (according to [] was also signed by [] Louis Adamic and the negro who worked in the office (Name []

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[] said that the negro employee once remonstrated with [] about her actions and according to [] she told him if he didn't keep quiet she would tell her friends that he was an agent for Pavelic. The negro said he replied that I never even heard of that guy.

[] also said the whole mess ~~had international~~ was terrible and he said he was sick for two days when he found out about it in New York. He said when he thinks of it now and what international complications it could cause he gets sick thinking about it.

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[] said to Matt Cvetic that [] proposed at the meeting in New York that "We ask Matt Cvetic to come to New York and take over the Executive Secretary job of the United Committee" but [] said he was against this because (to Matt) "I didn't want to see you get into that mess up there. --

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This covers at least the salient parts of the conversation -- will try to elucidate if necessary. --

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Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta

3424 W. 26th Street, Chicago 23, Ill.

NOV GLAVNI ODBOR SANS-a

ČASTNO PREDSEDNIŠTVO:

- ✓ ETBIN KRISTAN, 23 Beechtree St., Grand Haven, Mich.
- ✓ LOUIS ADAMIČ, Milford, N. J.

IZVRŠEVALNI ODBOR: Uradniki:

- ✓ Predsednik: FRED A. VIDER, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.
- ✓ I. podpredsednik: ANTON KRAPENC, 2021 W. 23rd St., Chicago 8, Ill.
- ✓ II. podpredsednik: JOSEPH KOTAR, 6110 W. Fort St., Detroit 9, Mich.
- ✓ Tajnik: MIRKO G. KUHEL, 3424 W. 26th St., Chicago 23, Ill.
- ✓ Blagajnik: VINCENT CAINKAR, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.
- ✓ Zapisnikar: MILAN MEDVEŠEK, 2610 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

ČLANI:

- ✓ Frank Alesh, 2124 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago 23, Ill.
- ✓ Ivan Bostjancich, 6231 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio.
- ✓ Math Cvetič, 1005 Berger Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- ✓ Vatro J. Grill, 6231 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio.
- ✓ Frank Japich, 2354 S. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

NADZORNI ODBOR:

- Predsednica: Josie Zakrajšek, 7603 Cornelia Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio.
- John Pollock, Box 4239 Noble Branch, Euclid 17, Ohio.
- Theresa Speck, 4658 Rosa Avenue, St. Louis 16, Mo.

ŠIRŠI ODBOR:

- Louis Arko, 1222 Wooster Rd. W., Barberton, Ohio.
- Andrew Bomback, 184—17th St., N. W., Barberton, Ohio.
- Jacob Brljavac, 10121 Avenue M., Chicago 17, Ill.
- Martin Cetinski, 17611 Greeley Ave., Detroit 3, Mich.
- Josephine Cvelbar, 436 Wilson St., Sharon, Pa.
- Theresa Gerzel, 143 Main Ave., W. Aliquippa, Pa.
- Katherine Krainz, 17838 Hawthorne Ave., Detroit 3, Mich.
- Helena Kusar, 1936 S. Kenilworth Ave., Berwyn, Ill.
- Frances Milostnik, 1216 Alabama Ave., Sheboygan, Wis.
- Mary Musich, 1917 So. 72nd St., West Allis 14, Wis.
- Christine Nadvesnik, 251 E. First St., Oglesby, Ill.
- Joseph Oblak, 2049 W. Coulter St., Chicago 8, Ill.
- Mary F. Prasnikar, Box 216, Harwick, Pa.
- Frank Plut, 1123 Addison Rd., Cleveland 3, Ohio.
- Valentine Stroy, 1040 N. Holmes Ave., Indianapolis 8, Ind.
- Anton Švelc, 21050 Goller Ave., Euclid 19, Ohio.
- John Turk, 2026 Sheffield Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.
- Dr. Rudolph P. Zaletel, 7105 S. Stony Island, Chicago 49, Ill.
- Joseph Zavertnik, 309 Tenafly Road, Englewood, N. J.
- Anton Zornik, Box 202, Herminie, Pa.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
July 31, 1947

MEMO, SAC

Re: [redacted]

SECURITY MATTER - C

On July 31, 1947

[redacted] CI C-113 orally advised the writer that
formerly [redacted] a district organizer of the IWO, who
had been disintegrated an office in Homestead, Pennsylvania,
stated that [redacted] dismissed from his position with the IWO. C-113
National V. [redacted] is authority for the above was [redacted]
on July 30, 1947. [redacted] President of the IWO, who so informed C-113
1947.

To C-113's knowledge, [redacted] has assumed no other position
in the IWO.

JAMES T. MOONEY, SA

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: August 11, 1947

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

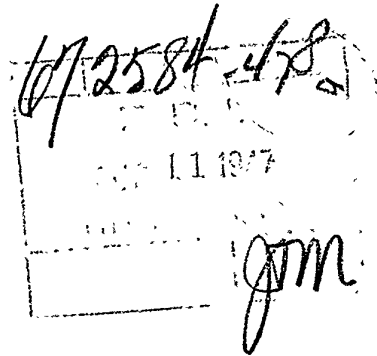
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT
DATED AUGUST 4, 5, 6, 1947

Appropriate memoranda have been dictated for the individual files
of individuals mentioned in the above reports.

Said reports and attached exhibits should now be placed in
Informant's file, 67-2584.

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF WESTERN PENNA.

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS -- Organization Committee

[redacted] 8/4 47

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An
~~An~~ organization committee composed of members of the Communist Party met in the office of [redacted] on Monday August 4th '47 for the purpose of organizing a local CRC. This was the second complete meeting and the following participated:

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Matt Cvetic [redacted]
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After discussion in which it was brought out that [redacted]
[redacted] has been in touch with the National office of the CRC it was decided to invite a member of the national body here for the purpose of organizing a local Congress. I think the person who will be invited is named [redacted] (but I'm not sure of the last name) ~~xxx~~ -- later I will verify this name.

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A combined dinner- and meeting affair will be organized and efforts will be made to get the Schenley Hotel ~~xxxxx~~ for the affair about the second week in September.

Each of those present were asked how many ^{their} from/respective groups should be invited and then others like UE, Jewish Groups, were gone over to decide about which organizations should be invited. In discussion we also found out that "Social Democrats" are not wanted in this Civil Rights Congress.

A program will be worked out but it will include acting on the [redacted] case, the [redacted] case the 13 or 17 or whatnot number of those convicted recently in Washington. In addition they will consider acting on some negro violations; the Farrell Cases and possibly other issues -- That's all on this now.

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Communist Party of Western Penna.

General

[redacted] 8/5/47

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[redacted] is working at Webster Hall Hotel. If my information is correct she joined the Hotel & Restaurant Workers Union and she may be working in the Kitchen or dining room.

A [redacted] from Duquesne came into the office today to see [redacted]

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A Comrade Bennett (Possibly [redacted]) is here to lead classes in the district for a few weeks. He's a young fellow wearing glasses. This must be part of a national program as I heard someone in the office mention they knew the comrade who was leading the classes in ???????, Ohio.

Names and addresses of leading comrades, together with their phone numbers is kept in a small black book (about 3½"x5" or so). This book is usually kept by the girl who does the stenographic work. [redacted] used to keep it in her desk -- whether she locked it in the file cabinet at night I do not know. This week the black book is kept by [redacted] in his desk since [redacted] who is replacing [redacted] will not start until next week. -

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From information available no separate account has been opened as yet for the Labor Press Committee - a committee which is being used as a front by the Communist Party to raise funds. [redacted] and Matt had a conversation about this -- they decided that only enough money should go into the account to meet expenses and the rest of the money which comes in will go to the regular account. This will be done so that the account or how much money was raised in the

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raffle cannot be checked.

In Johnstown there was a meeting on Saturday, ^{8/2/47} Matt was sent up to stimulate interest in the raffle. Heard him tell [] they met in [] Taxidermy Shop and that [] were there. b6 b7C

[] discussed with Roy Hudson and Matt Cvetic the Election situation ⁱⁿ ~~regarding~~ Duquesne, Pa. He mentioned the name of four candidates who he feels should be supported by Slav Congress. A meeting has been arranged in this town by the Slav Congress. Sam Reed and Matt Cvetic also met with [] on Monday 8/4/47 in the afternoon to discuss this. b6 b7C

[] from Crucible Steel visited [] in the Slav Congress office on 8/5/47 b6 b7C

Also heard that the Slovene Day Committee had difficulty with the law at their picnic on Sunday, ^{8/3/47} it seems that they were selling beer at Vidmar's which ^{is} ~~was~~ located near West View Park. I do not know the full details - but if you are interested - advise.

Communist Party of Western Penna.
Activities of Crucible Branch ---

[redacted] 8/6/47

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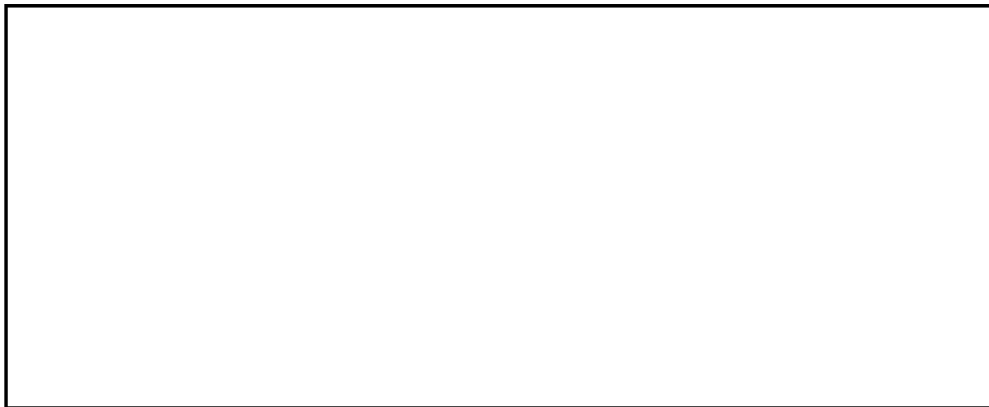
This afternoon, August 6th, 1947 in the office of the Amer. Slaw Congress; 1005 Berger Bldg., [redacted] Matt Cvetic, [redacted] were busy getting out a letter to the membership of Steelworkers Local #1276 of Crucible Steel Company dealing with the expulsion of [redacted] from the union. [redacted] presented the original draft,; [redacted] ~~and Cvetic~~ then typewrote it; [redacted] then came in and corrected it. [redacted] who is the office [redacted] is to get out some 2000 copies on the mimeographed of the final draft to be ready by 5:15 P.M. today. Distribution will be made by [redacted] and others starting at 6:45 A.M. Friday August 7th., 1947.

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After this [redacted] and Matt were getting out notices for two meetings. One of these (apparently addressed to the Communist Party Members) ~~was~~ carried a message: "Don't forget the meeting on Wood St. 4P.M. Sat. Come Early signed [redacted] and M.F. is probably [redacted] This message want to the following members -- (From other sources I understand the Crucible Club of the Communist Party will meet definitely at 440 Wood St. Sat. 4 P.M. ---

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--These are the active members listed above --

The other card addressed to the following carried the following message:

"There will be a special meeting of Progressives held Sat. Aug 9th at Jerry Horak's Beer Tavern, 3057 Penn Ave., signed 



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(From the conversation between Uvetic and  these are people who have worked with the Party in their program at the Plant.



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

James Jackson, 415 Robinson Court, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

[REDACTED]

All these names and some others with phone numbers etc are included in a book (Tablet size - composition book we used to call it when we were in school) which [REDACTED] keeps.

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Communist Party of Western Penna.
Staff Meeting

[redacted] 8/6/47

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A meeting of the staff of the Communist Party of W.Pa. was held on Wednesday afternoon August 6th., 1947 in the Literature Section of the office to discuss the Labor Day Picnic and Raffle.

The following were present:

Roy Hudson

[redacted]

Matt Cvetic

[redacted]

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Matt Cvetic gave each a copy of the distribution to date -- some 11940 tickets were distributed so far. He found fault with the efforts of the City Section in the raffle to date. He also reported receipt of \$82.00 ~~from~~ for tickets so far.

Most of the discussion centered around how to get the money in for the raffle tickets. It was proposed that a quota of \$2500.00 be set for Saturday August the 16th and that from here on all efforts of the entire section leadership be given to getting in the money. At least \$1,000 is expected from Pgh. \$500 from Wash Co. \$350.00 from Steel.

Other conclusions were that all branches should have checkups -- that a breakdown of all meetings be secured so that some one from the district attends and finally that there be a follow through of persons responsible in each club or section to see that personal calls, visits and phone calls are made checking up on the raffle.

From other things I overheard the following information came to my attention. [redacted] hone phone is [redacted] The Student's Club meets at the Jewish Fraternal Center this Sunday A.M. at 11. --

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An account will be opened as soon as Matt Cvstic can get in touch with [REDACTED] so they can go to the bank and open same. This account will be in the name of the Labor Press Committee.

[REDACTED] is the full ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ name of the instructor who is here to conduct classes.

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Communist Party of Western Penna.
Activities in Duquesne, Pa. Elections

[redacted] 8/6/47

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This afternoon 8/6/47 [redacted] and Matt Cvetic had a discussion in ~~xxx~~ office on the Duquesne, Pa. situation. [redacted] ~~xxxx~~ did most of the talking and made the following proposals in connection with a proposed meeting in Duquesne, Pa. this coming Friday afternoon called by the Slav Congress (notice enclosed)

[redacted] proposed that they discuss the Slav Congress Program and to get suggestions from the Duquesne people on local problems. Suggested a list of Slav Organizations and churches and leading Slavs in Duquesne be secured. Suggested that [redacted] who is a Czecho Slovak, a Wallace Man, an Engineer, a member of PCA be contacted with the possibility that he would be a good prospective person for Chairman for Slav Congress in Duquesne, Pa. [redacted] said he met with this person. He also suggested that [redacted] and Matt contact [redacted] a butcher from Duquesne, that [redacted] would let them know where to get in touch with him. He further proposed that activities be organized and carried on in the name of the Duquesne Committee of the Slav Congress -- popularize program of Slav Congress in clubs, lodge meetings etc. -- To set up a date for a public meeting to discuss issues -- examine question of candidates -- find out where they stand. Emphasize the fact that at present we are only interested in issues and we are not at present endorsing candidates. We want to clarify issues and help to put the election on a high level. Our prospective to build the Slav Congress. Finally he suggested that [redacted] of PAC be contacted consulted on Program and work with him to work out minimum program

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YOU ARE INVITED
TO MEET IMPORTANT PERSONS

8/6/47

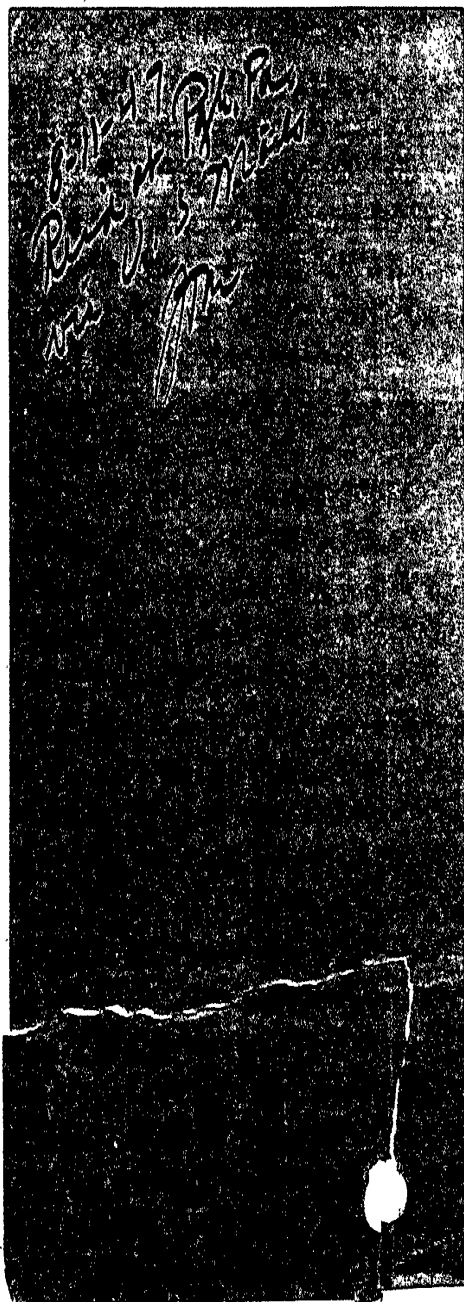
Friday Afternoon - 3 PM - 6 PM
Home of Frank Cooper, 211 N. 1st St.
Duquesne, Pa.

Discussion and plans with regard
to the coming elections.

Time during Friday - don't forget.

NATIONAL SLAVE CONGRESS, ON WED.
(Duquesne, Pa. region)

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TO : SAC

DATE: August 12, 1947

FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following exhibits concerning the above organization are attached hereto:

1. Press release dated 7-18-47;
2. Letter from Nat'l Office of ASC dated 7-22-47
3. Press release dated 7-21-47. (Info contained herein has been furnished the Cleveland Field Division)

It is noted that each exhibit has been initialed by the Informant as to date of receipt by him. Each exhibit has also been initialed by writer as to date received.

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FROM : SA J. T. MOONEY

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DATE: August 14, 1947

The attached American Slav Congress letter, questionnaire and progress reports were made available by Confidential Informant C-113 and are being placed in this file for informational purposes.

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